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CHAMPIONS OF CORRUPTION

SPECIAL REPORT BY KEIR RADNEDGE

JORGE BURRUCHAGA, one of four men banned for life in the unending Marseille Scandal, is to sue the French Federation for £500,000 — another element of confusion in the drama.

Marseille have been stripped of just about everything except the Champions Cup, and Burruchaga, the 31-year-old whose late goal won the 1986 World Cup for Argentina, has been punished along with two other players and an official.

Christophe Robert, Burruchaga's former Valenciennes team-mate, and Marseille's Jean-Jacques Eydelie also have been suspended sine die, and so has Jean-Pierre Bernes, Marseille's former general manager, who is alleged to have been the moving power behind the May 20 match-fix.

The immediate fall-out was the FIFA-UEFA decision to promote Milan in Marseille's place for the World Club Cup game against Sao Paulo of Brazil, and for the European Supercup clash with Parma.

Any lingering doubts about the need to separate Marseille as far as possible from prestige occasions were swept away by a crowd riot that forced an early end to a League match against visiting Metz.

Pent-up frustration among Marseille's Ultras probably was as much to blame as the proocative early dismissals of two home players in a 3-0 defeat.

BANNED FOR LIFE FROM WORLD FOOTBALL

BERNES

EYDELIE

ROBERT

BURRUCHAGA

The spark was provided by the FFF's impatiently-awaited punishments on those deemed responsible for the Valenciennes fix. The decisions were described as "provisional" and will be reveiwed next year, after the completion of any legal proceedings arising from one of the blackest episodes in French soccer history.

This means that although charges have not been brought against Marseille's all-powerful president, Bernard Tapie, he could yet be summoned before the Federation's 20-man federal council, if there is proof of a direct link between him and his subordinate's incriminating phone call. The Valenciennes president, Michael Coencas, is not entirely out of the woods, either.

Marseille have been:

★ barred by UEFA from defending the Champions Cup.

★ stripped of the 1993 French title, which would have been a record fifth in succession.

★ stripped of the two points gained from their 1-0 win over Valenciennes on May 20, which has been turned into a defeat but does not affect the club's formal placing ahead of Paris Saint-Germain.

★ banned, again by UEFA, from facing Cup-winners Cup holders Parma in the European Supercup next spring.

★ Banned, by FIFA, from playing Sao Paulo, champions of South America, in the World Club Cup in Tokyo next month.

Sanctions were imposed by the FFF a day before a FIFA deadline expired. The world body, impatient with French prevarication over the issue, had warned that they might bar France from the current World Cup qualifiers and cancel the country's hosting rights for the 1998 finals tournament if swingeing punishments were not imposed.

Burruchaga is the most famous — or notorious — of the scapegoats. And, through his lawyer, he was quick to hit back and threaten a renewed legal tangle. FIFA and UEFA used their patronage powers to halt Tapie's original legal threat to the system, but Burruchaga has nothing to lose in attacking international football's entire legal foundation.

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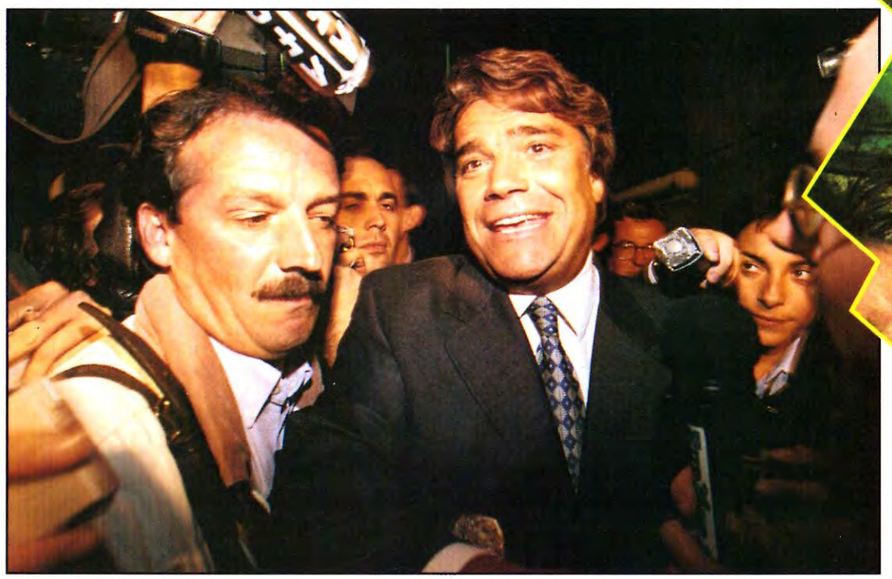
● MARSEILLE'S problems increased when crowd trouble forced referee Anton to abandon their home game against Metz in the 87th minute. Marseille were losing 3-0 and the home fans, angry enough already, were further infuriated by the expulsions of Fabien Barthez and Basile Boli. President Tapie said after the match he was considering resigning. Later he said that, with Marseille in such trouble, he had no option but to stay and fight. He blamed the media for whipping up such anti-Marseille feeling that the referee had been "brain-washed" into halting the game when the invading fans could have been cleared and the game restarted.

REVISED FRENCH 1992-93 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marseille*	38	23	9	6	71	36	53
Paris SG	38	20	11	7	61	29	51
Monaco	38	21	9	8	56	29	51
Bordeaux	38	18	12	8	42	25	48
Nantes	38	17	11	10	54	39	45
Auxerre	38	18	7	13	57	44	43
St Etienne	38	13	17	8	34	26	43
Strasbourg	38	12	16	10	58	57	40
Lens	38	12	16	10	36	31	40
Montpellier	38	12	12	14	36	41	36
Caen	38	13	9	16	55	54	35
Metz	38	11	13	14	44	45	35
Toulouse	38	9	16	13	36	45	34
Lyon	38	9	15	14	40	45	33
Le Havre	38	11	11	16	43	53	33
Sochaux	38	11	10	17	33	50	32
Lille	38	7	16	15	26	48	30
Valenciennes	38	9	11	18	42	57	29
Toulon	38	6	13	19	31	57	25
Nimes	38	3	16	19	32	66	22

** Marseille deducted 2pts and a goal.*

Tapie . . . still fighting his corner and off the hook — for now.



He said: "Not only have I been banned from playing in France but I understand that FIFA will make it worldwide. That is a very clear case of restraint of trade.

"I have never denied that I knew about the attempt to bribe us. After all, I was in the hotel room with Robert and (Jacques) Glassmann when Eydelie telephoned. But once I thought about the consequences I changed my mind and played normally against Marseille. Not only that, but the match-fixing charge has never been brought before a proper court of law as yet.

"Meantime my family and I still have to eat and live. I have no intention of playing football again in France. I am finished with football here. It has brought me no luck and no happiness, though I have made many friends. Now I have been offered a contract by Independiente of Argentina and I would like to end my career in my home country.

"I don't think it is too much to expect the right to be able to do that. But until the French Federation authorise the international transfer certificate I am trapped.

"I think it must be against the laws of natural justice for the football authorities to try to stop me in this manner. I don't understand why they should have the right to stop me playing in another country.

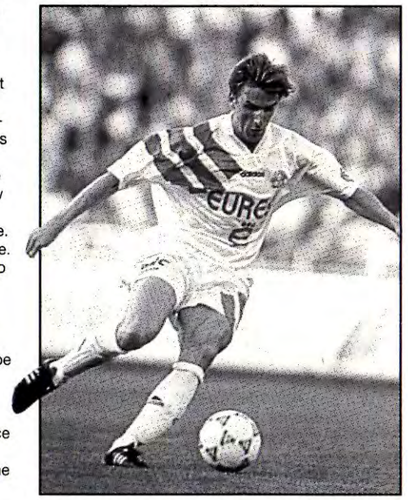
"My lawyer has advised me that I can sue the Federation and, if necessary, I could take the case all the way to the European Courts of Justice and Human Rights. Of course, that could take a long time. But, after all, I have nothing to lose, do I?"

Marseille claimed originally to have secured enough loans and financial support from sponsors and local authorities to cover expected losses of £15million and survive the year. But the loss of seven-figure sums through participation in the World Club Cup and the European Supercup may have disturbed the equation and are likely to force the premature departures of Croat striker Alen Boksic (to Lazio) and Portugal's Paulo Futre.

On top of that, hopes of raising cash through television coverage of friendlies against other top European clubs such as Barcelona, Milan, etc may be in jeopardy.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said the nature of the French Federation's punishment of Marseille meant the club might well be barred from playing matches of any kind against opposition from beyond French borders. Even Marseille's participation later this season in the French Cup has been left open to question.

The uncertainty of the full extent of Marseille's punishment infuriated vice-president Jean-Louis Levreau who said: "It's a bit harsh that the club should be punished in such an unquantifiable way for an attempt at corruption when, to my knowledge, no proof of our guilt has yet come to light."



Leaving . . . Alen Boksic (above) and Paulo Futre (below) could soon be on their way from the Stade Velodrome as Marseille try to cover £15million in lost revenue.

● MARSEILLE officials and players were amazed by reports that, even before a decision about their participation in the World Club Cup was officially taken by FIFA, airline and hotel bookings for Tokyo had been made . . . for Milan.

Marseille vice-president Jean-Louis Levreau said his club's travel agent had been told that Milan already had confirmed travel details. Levreau added: "I am scandalised by this news which deserves to be brought to the attention of both FIFA and UEFA. We refuse to believe Milan have information we do not and can thus influence decisions that have not been taken."

Levreau said he knew which hotel Milan had booked into in Tokyo and that Air France knew that Milan had made their flight bookings. Milan's managing director, Adriano Galliano, denied the reports.

The vital dates . . .

May 20: Marseille win a vital match in Valenciennes 1-0, with a 21st-minute goal from Alen Boksic. At half-time, Valenciennes lodge a protest with referee Jean-Marie Veniel, saying some of their players had been offered a bribe by Marseille to throw the match. Defender Jacques Glassmann said he, Christophe Robert and Jorge Burruchaga were offered £30,000.

May 26: Marseille beat Milan 1-0 in Munich to become the first French club to win the Champions Cup.

May 27: French League president Noel Le Graet orders an investigation into the bribery allegations.

May 29: Marseille win their fifth consecutive League title by beating Paris Saint-Germain 3-1.

June 4: The French League hand the case over to the public prosecutor.

June 24: Robert is held for questioning, and £30,000 is found in his mother-in-law's garden. Robert says he received the money from Marseille player Jean-Jacques Eydelie before the match.

June 25: Eydelie is held for questioning by Valenciennes police. So is Robert's wife Marie-Christine, who says she collected the money from Eydelie at the Marseille team hotel.

June 26: Robert is placed under investigation for corruption, and bailed.

June 27: Eydelie, who denies the allegations, also is placed under investigation for corruption and held in custody.

June 28: Prosecutor Eric De Montgolfier says a phone call has been traced from the Marseille team hotel to the Valenciennes hotel on the eve of the match.

June 29: Marseille general manager Jean-Pierre Bernes, accused by Glassmann of offering the money with Eydelie, enters hospital for treatment for depression.

June 30: Investigating judge Bernard Beffy raids Marseille's headquarters and seizes documents in a seven-hour search.

July 1: Jorge Burruchaga is placed under investigation for corruption, and released.

July 2: Bernes leaves hospital and is held for questioning.

July 5: Eydelie decides to quit soccer.

July 6: Bernes is placed under investigation for corruption and held in custody. Beffy goes to Marseille president Bernard Tapie's Paris offices to confront him. Former Valenciennes trainer Boro Primorac says Tapie asked him to take the blame for the affair.

July 12: Eydelie admits he offered the money and says he was an intermediary between Bernes and the Valenciennes players.

Entering . . . Glassmann and his lawyer arrive at the French Federation's inquiry in Paris.

GLASSMANN:

Why does everybody hate me?

JACQUES GLASSMANN, the 31-year-old defender who blew the whistle on Marseille, is playing again for Valenciennes, now in the French Second Division.

He is treated as a hero within his own club but as the worst kind of criminal by opponents, insulted on and off the pitch.

Glassmann says: "Before all this happened I lived a pretty peaceful life. I got on with my job of playing football, from week to week, match to match.

"Suddenly I have gained a notoriety which owes nothing to playing the game. When I hear opposing fans jeering and whistling me I sometimes wonder why denouncing a scandal is considered worse than the scandal itself?

"People look on me as a traitor without stopping to demand an explanation from the people who really did betray the game. When Marseille were barred from the Champions Cup I was asked if I felt personally responsible. As if I were the culprit.

"But the man who created all these problems for Olympique Marseille was the one who offered the money and then made everything worse for his club by refusing to own up and take the responsibility.*

"If I had the chance to go back in time then I would do the same thing all over again. I've no regrets, even after considering all the things which followed. As far as I was concerned, staying silent would have been as bad as taking the money. That's not my way.

"After Marseille were barred from the Champions Cup two policemen came and knocked on my door. They wanted to know if I wanted permanent protection for myself and my family. I sent them away. I told them I didn't want to feel threatened day and night and that's the effect their presence would have had.

"I can't kid myself. My contract with Valenciennes expires at the end of this season and I don't know what will become of me then. I don't think there are many clubs who will want to sign Jacques Glassmann: there aren't too many who would gamble signing a player who's going to be whistled and jeered every five minutes.

"I'm not a lawyer. I'm not bothered to plead a case on my own behalf. But I do wish that the people who attack and insult me should put aside their club loyalties for a moment and summon up a little intelligence. They should ask themselves: what they would do if they found themselves in the same situation?"

**** Glassmann was referring to Marseille's former general manager, Jean-Pierre Bernes.***

July 16: The French justice ministry open a civil suit against Tapie for defamation after he compares judicial methods with the Gestapo.

July 18: FIFA warn Marseille that they could be barred from the Champions Cup.

July 12: Bernes is freed.

July 24: The French season opens, with Marseille winning 1-0 against Lens.

July 25: Bernes resigns from his post with Marseille.

July 31: Former minister Jacques Mellick says he was with Tapie on June 17 at the time when Primorac claims to have met the Marseille president at his offices.

August 16: Mellick refuses to speak to Beffy about his statement after a photo shows he was at a reception in Bethune in northern France on June 17.

August 31: FIFA threaten to suspend France from all international competitions if no decision is taken by the country's soccer authorities by September 23.

Sep 3: Tapie threatens to quit as Marseille president if they are barred from the Champions Cup.

Sep 4: A league disciplinary commission decide to suspend judgment on the affair because of lack of proof after hearings lasting nine hours with all those involved, except Eydelie.

Sep 6: UEFA's executive committee bar Marseille from the 1993-94 Champions Cup.

Sep 7: Marseille go to civil courts in Paris and Bern in an attempt to overturn the European ban.

Sep 8: UEFA accept the French Federation nomination of Monaco as substitutes for Marseille in the Champions Cup and the inclusion of Auxerre in Monaco's UEFA Cup place.

Sep 9: Tapie fails in court in Paris but is granted an injunction in Bern instructing UEFA to reinstate Marseille in the Champions Cup.

Sep 10: Another volte-face as Tapie, under pressure from the French Federation, withdraws his legal actions.

Sep 15: The FFF set September 21 to hear evidence in the case, with a decision to be announced the following day — 24 hours inside FIFA's deadline.

Sep 21: The FFF federal council hear evidence from some of the players and officials involved in the scandal.

Sep 22: Marseille, by order of the French Federation, are stripped of the French championship while players Jean-Jacques Eydelie, Jorge Burruchaga and Christophe Robert, as well as Jean-Pierre Bernes, are banned from football sine die.

Sep 24: All the anger and frustration among Marseille boils over with a pitch invasion three minutes before the end of a home match against Metz.

Commentary

Keir Radnedge

A message from Mostar

WAR makes no distinction between fans and footballers. Often, our sporting language is carelessly similar, too.

We talk and write of battles and bombardments without thought for those to whom such words mean living hell.

Then along comes a reminder, all the more striking because of an unusual or unexpected context.

Beauvais, in France, is such a context. A small town whose local club's place in the Second Division is probably the limit of their realistic ambition. There you will find a man named Vahid Halilhodzic (above right).

Once a fine centre-forward with Yugoslavia, Velez Mostar and later Nantes.

Now he is a Nowhere Man. And he owes his life to football.

This is his story, in his own words: "When the Serbs started attacking my town, Mostar, I used whatever influence I had to help whoever and however I could.

"From Brest we organised an aid convoy with 150 tonnes of materials. Food, blankets, medicines. I'm a Bosnian and a Muslim; my wife is Croat. When the Croat soldiers saw me they said: 'Halilhodzic is really someone.'

"But when the civil war began in earnest suddenly, because of my celebrity, instead of some sort of a hero I became a target. You know, I never used to smoke. I do now. I started when we hid in the caves during the bombings.

"In the middle of all that I got this offer from Beauvais. I'd had a few irons in the fire. Nothing urgent. But Beauvais said they wanted me back in France immediately.

"I left Mostar on a Thursday. Two days later a man came looking for me. I used to know him well. He told my brother: 'We're coming to spill Vahid's blood' . . . so, you see, Beauvais saved my life.

"We've lost everything else. Our house was the first to burn. My businesses, too. I had a bar, a baker's shop and a sports shop. All gone. Souvenirs of my playing career? Nothing left. "One of my nephews has been badly injured by a grenade. My three brothers have left Mostar and gone to Jeblenica, about 30 miles away. They tell me people sleep on the pavement, there's little or no food and the children are dying.

"And I am helpless to do anything: the convoys can't get through any more.

"They tell me the stadium at Mostar, where I played for 15 years, where I scored so many goals and had such a wonderful time, is being used as a concentration camp with 3,000 people effectively condemned to death.

"When the attacks started all anybody wanted was peace. Now just about everyone has lost everything and all they think of is revenge. I'm very pessimistic about the outcome.

"Just 90 minutes by air from Paris and you have the seeds of the start of a third world war. My daughter, who is 12, is living in a state of shock. She wants to go home. She wants to see her dog . . . but we can never go back.

"So here I am, working with young footballers in the peace and sunshine of France, my second home. I must be content with that. But not happy. I'm afraid 'happy' is not a word I find I can use any more."

Missing by inches

THE Saturday before England's 3-0 win over Poland was bereft of Premiership fixtures.

Football League action dominated the sports media. National newspapers reporters had to accept mass relegation to what we used to call the First Division.

Marvellous opportunities for all the First Division clubs to lay out the red carpet and capitalise on a magnificent public relations opportunity. All those column inches at the League clubs' mercy.

You would expect Watford to have shown the way. Surprisingly, no. An hour after the end of their 2-2 draw with Charlton and manager Glenn Roeder (above) had yet to appear.

The reporters began drifting away. Surely Watford, with two new stands to fill and some less than appealing results, needed their manager to hasten forward to propel a loud, positive message to the stayaway fans.

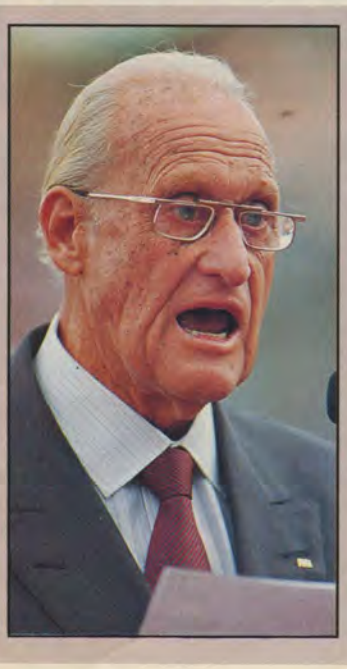
Whatever you may think of his England stewardship, that's one chance Graham Taylor never would have missed.

Bruce boobs

DON'T you think Bruce Grobbelaar had a nerve trying to lift Jamie McManaman's head from his neck after the youngster's poor clearance gave Everton a goal in the Merseyside derby?

Grobbelaar (above), after all, has been known to make the odd mistake himself now and again.

Still talking Liverpool. Not enough that Graeme Souness should sign Neil Ruddock and Julian Dicks, but he has to promote a player named Fowler as well!



China in the chase

FIFA president Joao Havelange (left) was probably not overly thrilled when Sydney pipped Beijing to the award of the 2000 Olympic Games at the International Olympic Committee's party in Monte Carlo.

Not that he had anything against any of the other candidates — Sydney, Manchester, Berlin or Istanbul — seeking his vote and support.

But Havelange, as befits one of the most powerful members of the IOC, had his own agenda. A long, long time ago Havelange went heavily on record in support of an Asian venue for the 2002 World Cup.

For years it was taken for granted that China was his target. But time and events played tricks on Havelange.

Japanese companies began to dominate the World Cup sponsorship packages and then Japan launched forth into the professional game with all the verve and proficiency we reported on earlier this year.

The combination of World Cup groundwork and J.League launch places Japan way out in front in the race for 2002. Havelange is sold on the place. Commercial interests cannot be ignored. So how could one diplomatically have pushed China back down the queue?

Simple. Arrange to tie them down with an adjacent Olympic Games instead. Only it didn't work out that way. Now expect China to come charging along behind Japan, trying to make up for lost time.

East is East and West is best

EASTERN Europe continues to look even more of an international second division after the first round of the European club cups.

The draw for the second round of the three continental club competitions was dominated by western Europe, as are the closing stages of the World Cup's European qualifiers.

Russia are through but Hungary and Poland can be discounted. Bulgaria's hopes are slim while both Romania and Czechoslovakia seek the one opening for which they may be pipped by Wales.

The former Yugoslav states and the newly-fragmented ex-Soviet republics were not up and running in time to compete, while Albania and the Baltic trio have figured merely as make-goals.

A significant consequence of that fragmentation of eastern Europe in the wake of Communism's collapse is the mass exodus of leading players, chasing lucrative contracts in Holland, Austria, Belgium and Switzerland as well as in Germany, Italy and Spain.

No longer can eastern European clubs hold their outstanding individuals as virtual prisoners, rewarding them with merely the latest Lada or a Party-privilege apartment in which to live.

As soon as a player has made anything like a name he is up and away.

Kiev, champions now of the Ukraine and not the Soviet Union, exemplify the chaos which had engulfed much of eastern European football.

For years they dominated the Soviet domestic game and provided almost every member of the national team. In the wake of perestroika, they sold star after star to the West — such as Oleg Protasov, Alexei Mikhailichenko, Oleg Kuznetsov, Sasha Zavarov — and raised an estimated £20 million.

Now, all that cash has mysteriously vanished. Kiev are deeply in debt and have appealed to the Ukraine government for emergency loans.

Not only does eastern Europe suffer from financial problems. The volatile political climate creates other difficulties. Borussia Dortmund were furious at being ordered by UEFA to play Spartak Vladikavkaz in the Caucases as scheduled.

Dortmund protested in vain that the hotel in which they intended staying had been taken over by refugees from the strife in Georgia and that communications are virtually non-existent

Present tense

INTERESTING variety of football books starting to fill up the bookshop shelves in advance of the Christmas rush.

Most-trumpeted volume is *Paul Gascoigne: The Inside Story* by Jane Nottage, his former commercial gopher (Collins Willow, price £9.99). Few people emerge from Gazza's Italian escapade with much credit.

Perhaps only poor old Dino Zoff, keeping his head down and trying to get on with his job as Lazio coach. Gascoigne emerges as a spoiled brat, the hangers-on as precisely that and Lazio as indulgently sloppy with their star purchase.

Readers of Brian Glanville's short stories will recognise the ambience. Glanville himself is back with a revised and updated *Story of the World Cup* (Faber, 3 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AU, price £9.99).

This is the first revamp of the best English-language history of the game's top event in nearly a decade and all the more valuable for appearing when it does — providing a valuable perspective on events in 1986 and 1990 which were, of necessity, absent from the various "instant" publications.

At 352 pages of small print this is some paperback! Glanville remains closely associated with Italian football whose general popularity remains as high as ever in the UK.

Channel Four have produced an excellent *Football Italia* companion volume, edited by Ray Della Pietra (Virgin Books, 332 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5AH, price £9.99). Included are historical tracts on each of the Serie A clubs plus the usual title statistics and each team's appearances and goals for last season.

From the Guinness Publishing stable is another remarkable work, *The Guiness Record of the FA Cup*, some 624 pages of facts and figures which must have left author Mike Collett positively cross-eyed. The book (Guinness Publishing, 33 London Road, Enfield, Middx EN2 6DJ, price £14.99) is in three sections: a general history, a directory of all the 600-plus clubs who have appeared in the competition proper plus a further section of general facts and records. A memory-jerker for everyone, surely.

Flowery prose

GOALKEEPER Uli Stein (right) made headlines in Germany with his autobiography. Intriguingly, Eintracht Frankfurt's Stein, despite his 38 years, entitled the book "only" *Halbzeit* (Half-time).

But there were no half measures about his attack on Dragoslav Stepanovic, upon whose mid-season departure last spring he laid full blame for Frankfurt's failure to secure that elusive league title.

But Stein is also in the business of handing out bouquets. Not verbal ones but real ones. His time away from the Waldstadion is spent building up a florist's business.

Stein says: "The point is well made and is being appreciated by more and more German professionals."

Time to vote!

ONCE more you have your opportunity to select the World Player of the Year in our annual poll.

The *WORLD SOCCER* award has been running now for a decade and is eagerly awaited throughout the game thanks to the magazine's unrivalled knowledge and coverage of the international scene.

Past winners include Paolo Rossi, Zico, Michel Platini, Ruud Gullit, Marco Van Basten and Jean-Pierre Papin. But who is next?

Will it be Italy's Roberto Baggio (above) or Holland's Dennis Bergkamp or Brazil's new inspiration, Rai?

And Player of the Year is not the only category in which to vote. Don't forget the Team of the Year, for which candidates include Colombia, Bolivia, Parma and Manchester United . . . as well as Manager of the Year, in which Tele Santana, Javier Azkargorta, Alex Ferguson and perhaps an outsider such as Roy Hodgson deserve consideration.

Don't delay — vote now! Send your entries for the three categories to:

World Player of the Year, *WORLD SOCCER*, 25th floor, Kings Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS.

SHOOT for a weekend of soccer fun!

OUR sister magazine Shoot has teamed-up with West Ham's Tony Gale and Sussex Beach Holiday Village, Bracklesham Bay. West Sussex, to present an all-star, all-action soccer weekend from Friday 22nd October - Monday 25th October.

Among the activities will be Coerver Coaching Sessions,SHOOT Penalty-Prize competition (winner will be match-day mascot at one of West Ham's home games), five-a-sides and the search for the SHOOT Quiz King and Hot-Shot Champion.

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CLUB FOCUS

WERDER BREMEN

King Otto's Court

Determined . . . Bremen's Bernd Hobsch (right) beats Borussia Dortmund's Gunter Kutowski for possession.

WERDER BREMEN are carrying Germany's hopes in the Champions Cup, a competition no German team have won for 11 years.

Hamburg did it then, and they are now Bremen's biggest rivals.

In the period before the advent of the Bundesliga, these clubs were always at each other's throats in the old Regional League North.

Throughout most of their 94-year history the Werderaner were overshadowed by Hamburg, but during the past decade the pendulum has swung decidedly in favour of the green-and-whites from Bremen.

"We are the most successful team in the country of recent years," claims club president Dr. Franz Bohmert and general manager Willi Lemke.

After winning their second Bundesliga title in 1988, they followed with a hat-trick of triumphs: the DFB Cup in 1991; Cup-winners Cup in 1992, a third title in 1993.

Remarkably, after a poor start, Werder caught up with the record champions and overwhelming favourites, Bayern Munich, who led for 32 out of the 34 matches. In the last-gasp sprint for the line the northern outsiders finished with their noses in front.

Thus a relatively modest club, founded by a bunch of schoolboys, had come of age. And they crowned their marvellous season by winning the Fair Play trophy.

When the Bundesliga (Federal League) was founded exactly 30 years ago, Bremen, probably on account of their geographical position, were invited to take part. In the second season they won the championship. They were runners-up in 1968, then mostly in mid-table until they were relegated in 1980.

The turning point came with Otto Rehhagel's arrival as team manager.

Having regained upper status at the first attempt, the Werderaner finished fifth; were runners-up in 1983, 1985 and 1986, and champions in 1988. Since 1984 they have only twice finished below fifth.

Rehhagel, who played for two amateur clubs in Essen, for Hertha Berlin and Kaiserslautern, has had managerial experience with five clubs as well as Bremen. He was there briefly in 1976, then returned in 1981.

Delighted . . . Bremen coach Otto Rehhagel with the Bundesliga trophy.

Now he has won four trophies in six years and is called King Otto of Bremen, with more influence and authority than any other coach in the Bundesliga.

"I always plan three to four years in advance," he says.

"Our great strength is the harmony within the club, and teamwork. That is why I prefer to stick with the same team and make as few changes as possible."

For this season only one newcomer, the versatile Mario Basler, was signed, from Second Division Hertha Berlin. Last year's acquisitions became fully integrated; Dietmar Beiersdorfer is one of the pillars in defence, striker Bernd Hobsch has strengthened the attacking options.

But the outstanding arrival was that of the Austrian Andreas Herzog from Rapid Vienna, at £1.2m Werder's most expensive signing ever. He is now rated by experts the best central attacking midfielder in the League. Next season, however, Rehhagel will be forced to rebuild the side, whose average age is 28. Thomas Schaaf and Klaus Allofs have now ended their careers. Norwegian libero Rune Bratseth, Czech-born Mirko Votava and the New Zealander Wynton Rufer, a consistent scorer, probably will pack it in at the end of the season.

The title was worth between £16,000 and £20,000 to each player, according to the number of games played. For this season the club are paying a bonus of between £400 to £700 per point depending on position. For winning the championship everyone who plays 30 matches or more will collect £20,000.

'We've been the best in recent years'

But Bremen are not a rich club. Their average gates are only 22,500 — they need 18,500 to break even — although they sold a record 10,000 season tickets.

The Champions Cup should generate the biggest receipts ever, especially if Bremen become the first German club to qualify for the Champions League.

The omens are good, for in the last ten seasons they only once missed out on a European competition.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

Elated . . . Stefan Kohn, Uli Borowka and Wynton Rufer celebrate their title triumph.

WERDER BREMEN

Founded: February 1, 1899.
Colours: White shirts/green shorts.
Stadium: Weserstadion, 2800 Bremen 1, Gremany.
President: Dr Franz Bohmert.
General manager: Willi Lemke.
Coach: Otto Rehhagel.

HONOURS

German League: 1965, 1988, 1993.
German Cup: 1961, 1991.
German Supercup: 1988.
German Amateur Champions: 1966, 1985.
Cup-winners' Cup: 1992.

THE COACH

OTTO REHHAGEL.
Aged 55, (born August 9, 1938).
The longest-serving coach in the Bundesliga. Took over ailing Bremen in 1981 and in the last six years has won four major and three minor trophies.

He played for TuS Helene Essen, Rotweiss Essen, Hertha Berlin and Kaiserslautern. Began his managerial career in 1972, but did not stay long with Saarbrucken Kickers Offenbach, Borussia Dortmund, Armina Bielefeld and Fortuna Dusseldorf.

Had a brief spell with Werder in 1976, before returning in full charge on April 2, 1981.

THE SQUAD

Oliver RECK.
Goalkeeper.
Aged 28 (born February 27, 1965).
Joined from Kickers Offenbach eight years ago, a former Under-21 international, now on the threshold of the full squad.

Hans-Jurgen GUNDELACH.
Goalkeeper.
Aged 29 (born November 29, 1963).
Gained experience with three clubs, the last FC Homburg, before signing for Bremen last year. Also an Under-21 cap.

Frank ROST.
Goalkeeper.
Aged 20 (born June 30, 1973).
Came from VfB Leipzig a year ago, discovered by Rehhagel.

Dietmar BEIERSDORFER.
Defender.
Aged 29 (born November 16, 1963).
Played for half a dozen clubs before arriving in Bremen last year, from Hamburg SV. One full and one Under-21.

Manfred BOCKENFELD.
Defender.
Aged 33 (born July 23, 1960).
Played for four clubs before joining Werder in 1989. Experienced all-rounder, capped once, nine years ago.

Ulrich BOROWKA.
Defender.
Aged 31. (born May 19, 1962).
A versatile, uncompromising man-marker, with the club for six years. Previously with three amateur clubs, then with Borussia Monchengladbach. Capped six times.

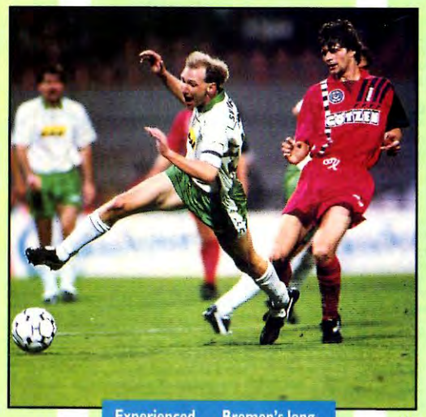
Rune BRATSETH.
Defender.
Aged 32 (born March 19, 1961).
An outstanding libero, superb in the air, seven years with Werder and 49 caps for Norway.

Bernd GOLDSCHMIDT.
Defender.
Aged 23 (born April 24, 1970).
A contractual amateur who started with Werder, then played for two lower league clubs.

Gunnar SAUER.
Defender.
Aged 29 (born June 11, 1964).
A very experienced sweeper, with the club since 1979 and still an amateur.

Thomas SCHAAF.
Defender.
Aged 32 (born April 30, 1961).
With the club since he was ten, now about to end his career.

Mario BASLER.
Midfield-cum-defender.
Aged 24 (born December 18, 1968).
The only newcomer to the squad. Played for four clubs, came from Hertha Berlin.



Experienced . . . Bremen's long-serving midfielder Dieter Eilts.

Dieter EILTS.
Midfield.
Aged 28 (born December 13, 1964).
Nine years with Werder, whom he joined from amateur SV Hage.

Uwe HARTTGEN.
Midfield.
Aged 29 (born July 6, 1964).
With two local amateur clubs before signing for Werder in 1987.

Andreas HERZOG.
Midfield.
Aged 25 (born September 10, 1968).
Rated the best attacking midfielder in the League. Signed from Rapid Vienna last year, for a club record £1.2m. Capped 40 times by Austria.

Thorsten LEGAT.
Midfield.
Aged 24 (born November 7, 1968).
Gained one Under-21 cap while with VfL Bochum, and moved to Bremen in 1991.

Martin PRZONDZIONO.
Midfield.
Aged 24 (born June 11, 1969).
Another contracted amateur who played for three clubs before joining Bremen three years ago, but not yet a first-teamer.

Lars UNGER.
Midfield.
Aged 21 (born September 30, 1972).
After playing for two amateur clubs, went to Bremen in 1989. Still waiting for a first-team place.

Mirko VOTAVA.
Midfield.
Aged 37 (born April 25, 1956).
Czech-born veteran who began his senior career with Dukla Prague, then played for VfL Witten, Borussia Dortmund and Atletico Madrid before signing for Bremen in 1985. Capped five times by Germany.

Andre WIEDENER.
Forward.
Aged 23 (born March 14, 1970).
Six years with the club, highly regarded, but still not yet ripe for first-team duties. Previous clubs: TSV Bahrdorf and SV Velpke.

Thomas WOLTER.
Midfield or Forward.
Aged 30 (born October 4, 1963).
A tough grafter nine years with Werder, previously with two amateur clubs. Capped once.

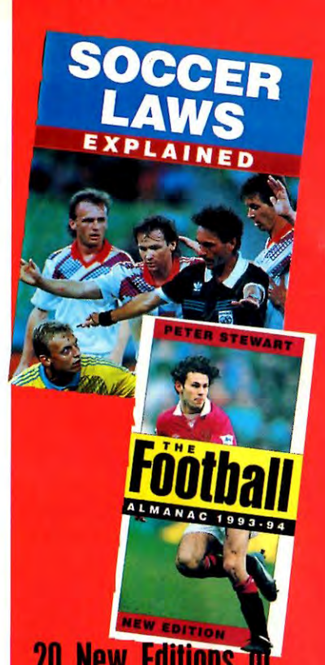
Marco BODE.
Forward.
Aged 24 (born July 23, 1969).
Highly talented striker who came from VfR Osterode, capped four times at Under-21 level. With Werder since 1988.

Bernd HOBSCH.
Forward.
Aged 25 (born May 7, 1968).
An East German who joined last year from VfB Leipzig and has just been called into the national squad.

Ari VAN LENT.
Forward.
Aged 23 (born August 31, 1970).
Dutch-born striker, began with Sparta Opheusten, then moved to Bremen. Left for VfB Oldenburg before returning last summer.

Frank NEUBARTH.
Forward.
Aged 31 (born July 29, 1962).
Eleven years with Werder, a consistent and prolific scorer. Capped once in 1988.

Wynton RUFER.
Forward.
Aged 30 (born December 29, 1962).
New Zealand-born with a Swiss father, spent seven years with three Swiss clubs before moving to Bremen in 1989. Capped nine times by New Zealand.



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Rangers out:

tough at the top for Milan and Barcelona

McPherson of Rangers attacks the Levski goal.

RANGERS were the first giant-killing victims of the 1993-94 Champions Cup — but favourites Milan and powerful Barcelona glimpsed into the abyss of early elimination before securing their places in the second round and edging closer to the lucrative Champions League.

Rangers lost on the away goals rule to Levski Sofia of Bulgaria. They took a 3-2 lead into the second leg in the Bulgarian capital but were beaten by a last-minute goal from Nikolai Todorov that clinched a 2-1 win on the night and ended Rangers' 11-game unbeaten run in the continent's premier event.

Manchester United, back in the Champions Cup after a 24-year absence, beat Kispest-Honved of Hungary more easily than the 3-2, 2-1 margin suggested. Sloppy defending cost goals in both legs and United manager Alex Ferguson will not be complacent about the challenges to come. Team captain Steve Bruce scored both goals in the return leg at Old Trafford with headers from set-pieces.

"Bruce has scored so many important goals for us over the years," said Ferguson. "These just add to his collection. Of course I'd rather my forwards scored but I don't mind who gets them.

"We should have scored a few more but hopefully we're saving them for other games."

Monaco's Yuri Djorkaeff provided the goal which earned a draw and aggregate success away to AEK Athens and sent the French stand-ins through a further round of their controversial campaign as substitutes for disgraced Marseille.

Last season's runners-up, Milan, scraped through 1-0 on aggregate after a disappointing scoreless draw at home to Swiss minnows Aarau. Milan were jeered out of the Stadio Meazza by their own fans.

However it was home support which helped lift Barcelona to a 4-1 victory over Kiev Dynamo and pulled them back from the brink after a 3-1 defeat in Ukraine. Spanish international Jose Maria Bakero scored twice and Ronald Koeman and Michael Laudrup who was doubtful for the match because of an ankle injury added the others.

In the Cup-winners Cup Benfica squeezed through on the away goals rule against GKS Katowice while Real Madrid shrugged off their domestic disasters to win home and away against Lugano.

Manchester United's Hughes (right) beats Kispest-Honved's Csabi.

CHAMPIONS CUP –

1st round, 1st leg ***(September 15 unless stated)***

AARAU 0
MILAN 1 (Papin 54)
HT: 0-0. Att: 12,000.

AIK STOCKHOLM 1 (Lidman 36)
SPARTA PRAGUE 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 5,854.

IA AKRANES 1 (Thordarson 75)
FEYENOORD 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 6,327.

GALATASARAY 2 (Turkyilmaz 31, Arif 51)
CORK CITY 1 (Barry 62)
HT: 1-0. Att: 17,000

HJK HELSINKI 0
ANDERLECHT 3 (Bosman 49, Versavel 74, Boffin 80)
HT: 0-0. Att: 1,500.

KIEV DYNAMO 3 (Shkapenko 6, Leonenko 45 pen, 56)
BARCELONA 1 (Koeman 28pen)
HT: 2-1. Att: 60,000.

HONVED 2 (Szabados 40, Stefanov 70)
MANCHESTER UNITED 3 (Keane 9, 43, Cantona 44)
HT: 1-3. Att: 9,000

LECH POZNAN 3 (Moskal 6, Podbrozny 32 pen, Trzeciak 60)
BEITAR JERUSALEM 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 7,000.

LINFIELD 3 (Haylock 38, McConnell 42, Johnston 60)
FC COPENHAGEN 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 7,000. Ref: Philippoz (Swi)

MONACO 1 (Vlahos og 81)
AEK ATHENS 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 8/10,000

FC PORTO 2 (Kostadinov 8, Semedo 78)
FLORIANA 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 7,000.

RANGERS 3 (McPherson 45, Hateley 56, 79)
LEVSKI SOFIA 2 (Borimirov 77, Todorov 83)
HT: 1-0. Att: 37,013. Ref: K Nielsen (Den)

ROSENBORG 3 (Tangen 29 pen, Leonhardsen 35, Loeken 42)
FK AUSTRIA 1 (Zsak 33 pen)
HT: 3-1. Att: 9,619

SKONTO RIGA 0
MOSCOW SPARTAK 5 (Pogodin 2, 39, Rodionov 7, 41, Bestchastnykh 67)
HT: 0-4. Att: 2,900.

STEAUA BUCHAREST 1 (Panduru 35)
CROATIA ZAGREB 2 (Cvitanovic 19, Jelicic 62)
HT: 1-1. Att: 12,000.

WERDER BREMEN 5 (Hobsch 26, 32, 60, Rufer 55, 90)
MINSK DYNAMO 2 (Gerassimez 52, Velichko 77)
HT: 2-0. Att: 10,274 *(played Sep 16).*

CUP-WINNERS' CUP —

1st round, 1st leg ***(September 15 unless stated)***

APOEL NICOSIA 0
PARIS SG 1 (Sassus 78)
HT: 0-0. Att: 13,000 *(Sep 14)*

BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2 (Hapal 32, Thorn 66)
FC BOBY BRNO 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 6,100 *(Sep 14)*

DEGERFORS 1 (Berger 72)
PARMA 2 (Asprilla 87, 88)
HT: 0-0. Att: 10,482 *(Sep 14)*

VALUR 0
ABERDEEN 3 (D. Shearer 9, Jess 28, 56)
HT: 0-2. Att: 656 *(Sep 14)*

BENFICA 1 (Rui Aguas 88)
GKS KATOWICE 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 30,000.

CSKA SOFIA 8 (Shishkov 12, 21, 57, 69, Andenov 41, 52, Nankov 67 pen, 80)
FC BALZERS 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 35,000.

HAJDUK SPLIT 1 (Mornar 44)
AJAX AMSTERDAM 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 10,000 *(in Ljubljana; Sep 17).*

INNSBRUCK 3 (Danek 48, Westerthaler 58, Carracedo 65)
FERENCVAROS 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 7,500.

FC KOSICE 2 (Danko 70 pen, 79 pen)
BESIKTAS 1 (Sergen Yalcin 2)
HT: 0-1. Att: 6,000.

LILLESTROEM 0
TORINO 2 (Silenzi 26, Jarni 58)
HT: 0-1. Att: 5,056.

MOSCOW TORPEDO 1 (Borisov 88)
MACCABI HAIFA 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 10,000.

OB ODENSE 1 (Keown og 18)
ARSENAL 2 (Wright 35, Merson 68)
HT: 1-1. Att: 9,580. Ref: H Cakar (Tur)

PANATHINAIKOS 3 (Donis 13, Saravakos 37, K. Warzycha 48)
SHELBOURNE 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 30,000.

REAL MADRID 3 (Dubovsky 44, Michel 66 pen, Fernandez og 70)
LUGANO 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 37,600.

STANDARD LIEGE 5 (Bisconti 13, Wilmots 63, 84, Andre Cruz 71 pen, Asselman 76)
CARDIFF CITY 2 (Bird 39, 62)
HT: 1-1. Att: 12,000. Ref: Olafsson (Ice)

UNIV. CRAIOVA 4 (Craioveanu 47, Gane 58, 71, Calin 82)
HAVNAR BOLTFELAG 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 9,000.

UEFA CUP –

1st round 1st leg
(September 15 unless stated)

AAB AALBORG 1 (Thorst 66)
LA CORUNA 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 8,100 *(Sep 14)*

ANTWERP 2 (Severyns 57, Bursac 90)
MARITIMO 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 7,000 *(Sep 14)*

AUSTRIA SALZBURG 2
(Amerhauser 40, Pfeifenberger 85)
DAC DUNAJSKA STREDA 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 6,500 *(Sep 14)*

BOHEMIANS 0
BORDEAUX 1 (Dugarry 16)
HT: 0-1. Att: 5,000 *(Sep 14).* Ref: C Stylianov (Gr)

CRUSADERS 0
SERVETTE 0
Att: 5,000 *(Sep 14).* Ref: G Mariasson (Ice).

DNEPROPETROVSK 1 (Maximov 77)
ADMIRA WACKER 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 12,000 *(Sep 14)*

HEARTS 2 (Robertson 70, Colquhoun 75)
ATLETICO MADRID 1 (Kosecki 77)
HT: 0-0. Att: 15,596 *(Sep 14).* Ref: A Frisk (Swe)

KARLSRUHE 2 (Schmitt 20, Kiriakov 29)
PSV EINDHOVEN 1 (Popescu 35 pen)
Att: 2-1. Att: 25,000 *(Sep 14)*

KUUSYSI LAHTI 4 (Annunen 17, ILius 19, 75, Lehtinen 25)
WAREGEM 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 2,000 *(Sep 14)*

MOSCOW DYNAMO 0
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 6
(Gaudino 9, Weber 25, Furtok 45, Bein 48, Okocha 81, Yeboah 89)
HT: 0-3. Att: 17,000 *(Sep 14)*

US LUXEMBOURG 0
BOAVISTA 1 (Casaca 40)
HT: 0-1. Att: 1,067 *(Sep 14)*

VAC 2 (Szedlacsek 43, Nyilas 78)
APOLLON LIMASSOL 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 4,000 *(Sep 14)*

YOUNG BOYS 0
CELTIC 0
Att: 7,300 *(Sep 14).* Ref: I Vad (Hun)

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 0
SPARTAK VLADIKAVKAZ 0
Att: 34,539.

BOTEV PLOVDIV 2 (Balakov 15, Hvoinev 88)
OLYMPIAKOS 3 (Amanasidis 12, Tsiantakis 59, Batista 87)
HT: 1-1. Att: 25,000

BRONDBY 2 (Vilfort 20, Kristensen 46)
DUNDEE UNITED 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 5,756. Ref: Markus Merk (Ger)

GLORIA BISTRITA 0
MARIBOR BRANIK 0
Att: 3,800.

INTERNAZIONALE 3 (Bergkamp 11 pen, 74, 78)
RAPID BUCHAREST 1 (Andrasi 52)
HT: 1-0. Att: 22,500.

JUVENTUS 3 (R. Baggio 49, 87, Ravanelli 70)
LOKOMOTIV MOSCOW 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 27,500 *(in Bologna)*

KOCAELISPOR 0
SPORTING LISBON 0
Att: 15,000

LAZIO 2 (Casiraghi 22, Cravero 55)
LOKOMOTIV PLOVDIV 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 39,500.

NORRKOPING 0
MECHELEN 1 (Czerniatynski 45)
HT: 0-1. Att: 5,557

NORWICH 3 (Ekoku 51, Goss 68, Polston 71)
VITESSE ARNHEM 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 16,818. Ref: Robert Sedlacek (Aut)

OSTERS IF 1 (Persson 36)
KONGSVINGER 3 (Engerbakk 33, Francis 57, Frigard 59)
HT: 1-1. Att: 1,956.

SLAVIA PRAGUE 1 (Berger 52)
OFI CRETE 1 (Georgamlis 64)
HT: 0-0. Att: 4,106.

SLOVAN BRATISLAVA 0
ASTON VILLA 0
Att: 10,886. Ref: Marcello Nicchi (Ita)

TENERIFE 2 (Pinilla 19 pen, Minambres 70)
AUXERRE 2 (Vahirua 16, Saib 21)
HT: 1-2. Att: 20,000.

TRABZONSPOR 3 (Ogun 28, 39, Hami 29)
VALETTA 1 (Zarb 25)
HT: 3-1. Att: 20,000

TWENTE ENSCHEDE 3 (Boerebach 64, Prince Polley 70, Vurens 75)
BAYERN MUNICH 2 (Nerlinger 11, Ziege 27, 90, Scholl 65)
HT: 0-2. Att: 18,000.

DINAMO BUCHAREST 3 (Moldovan 5, 30, Pana 87 pen)
CAGLIARI 2 (Prunea og 13, Dely Valdes 38)
HT: 2-2. Att: 5,000 *(Sep 16).* Ref: Sundell (Swe)

FC REYKJAVIK 1 (Ingimundarson 89)
MTK BUDAPEST 2 (Hamori 34, Zsivotzky 68)
HT: 0-1. Att: 600 *(Sep 16).*

NANTES 1 (Oudec 12)
VALENCIA 1 (Mijatovic 15).
HT: 1-1. Att: 14,766 *(Sep 16).*

CHAMPIONS CUP –

1st round, 2nd leg
(September 29 unless stated)

AEK ATHENS 1 (Sliskovic 12)
MONACO 1 (Djorkaeff 5)
HT: 1-1. Att: 31,500
Monaco 2-1 on agg

ANDERLECHT 3 (Nilis 16, 21, 42)
HJK HELSINKI 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 11,500
Anderlecht 6-0 on agg

BARCELONA 4 (Laudrup 8, Bakero 16, 47, Koeman 67)
KIEV DYNAMO 1 (Rebrov 28)
HT: 2-1. Att: 88,600
Barcelona 5-4 on agg

BETAR JERUSALEM 2 (Ohana 11, Schwartz 72)
LECH POZNAN 4 (Wilkashik 4, Scheczik 23, Brojana 31, Tapinski 70)
HT: 1-3. Att: 5,000.
Lech Poznan 7-2 on agg

FC COPENHAGEN 4 (Moller 2, Johansen 26, Hojer 90, Mikkelsen 96)
LINFIELD 0
HT: 2-0. 90min: 3-0. Att: 4,890
Copenhagen 4-3 on agg, aet

CORK CITY 0
GALATASARAY 1 (Turkyilmaz 76)
HT: 0-0. Att: 6,500
Galatasaray 3-1 on agg

CROATIA 2 (Vlaovic 7, Adziz 71)
STEAUA BUCHAREST 3 (Panduru 14, Vladoiu 49, 61)
HT: 1-1. Att: 10,000 *(Sep 28)*
Steaua on away goals, 4-4 agg

FEYENOORD 3 (Refos 25, Obiku 65, Blinker 83)
IA AKRANES 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 23,000
Feyenoord 3-1 on agg

FK AUSTRIA 4 (Nabekovas 12, Schmid 50, Zsak 74, Kogler 81)
ROSENBORG TRONDHEIM 1
(Dahlum 32)
HT: 1-1. Att: 6,500
FK Austria 5-4 on agg

FLORIANA 0
FC PORTO 0
Att: 5,000
FC Porto 2-0 on agg

LEVSKI SOFIA 2 (Sirakov 36, Todorov 90)
RANGERS 1 (Durrant 44)
HT: 1-1. Att: 52,500
Levski on away goals, 4-4 agg

MANCHESTER UNITED 2 (Bruce 55, 64)
HONVED 1 (Salloi 78)
HT: 0-0. Att: 35,781
Manchester United 5-3 on agg

MILAN 0
AARAU 0
Att: 40,000
Milan 1-0 on agg

MINSK DYNAMO 1 (Byelkevich 41)
WERDER BREMEN 1 (Rufer 80 pen)
HT: 1-0. Att: 7,500
Bremen 6-3 on agg

MOSCOW SPARTAK 4 (Tsymbalar 4, Pisarev 15, Tsymbalar 40, Onopko 87)
SKONTO RIGA 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 3,500
Spartak 7-0 on agg

SPARTA PRAGUE 2 (Siegl 15, 80)
AIK STOCHHOLM 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 16,654
Sparta 2-1 on agg

CUP-WINNERS CUP –

1st round, 2nd leg
(September 29 unless stated)

CARDIFF CITY 1 (James 59)
STANDARD LIEGE 3 (Wilmots 14, Lashaf 36, Bisconti 50)
HT: 0-2. Att: 6,096 *(Sep 28)*
Standard 8-3 on agg

MACCABI HAIFA 3 (Mizrahi 6, Petz 71, Holzman 85)
MOSCOW TORPEDO 1 (Kalaychev 12)
HT: 1-1. Att: 13,000 *(Sep 28)*
Haifa 3-2 on agg

PARIS SG 2 (Le Guen 1, Gravelaine 32)
APOEL 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 13,500 (Sep 28)
Paris SG 3-0 on agg

PARMA 2 (Balleri 2, Brolin 67)
DEGERFORS 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 17,000 *(Sep 28)*
Parma 4-1 on agg

ABERDEEN 4 (Miller 51, Jess 60, 69, Irvine 65)
VALUR 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 10,000
Aberdeen 7-0 on agg

AJAX 6 (R. De Boer 11, Davids 36, 76, Litmanen 57, R. De Boer 61, Pettersson 71)
HAJDUK SPLIT 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 40,000
Ajax 6-1 on agg

ARSENAL 1 (Campbell 52)
OB ODENSE 1 (Nielsen 86)
HT: 0-0. Att: 25,689
Arsenal 3-2 on agg

FC BALZERS 1 (Kuster 63)
CSKA SOFIA 3 (Andonov 31, Tanev 54, Ciric 90)
HT: 0-1. Att: 1,200
CSKA 11-1 on agg

BESITKAS 2 (Metin Tekin 44, 72)
FC KOSICE 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 27,000
Besiktas 3-2 on agg

FC BOBY BRNO 0
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 3 (Kirsten 16, Fischer 57, Worns 75)
HT: 0-1. Att: 10,105
Leverkusen 5-0 on agg

FERENCVAROS 1 (Detari 50)
INNSBRUCK 2 (Westerthaler 19, 90)
HT: 0-1. Att: 12,000
Innsbruck 5-1 on agg

GKS KATOWICE 1 (Kucz 45)
BENFICA 1 (Vitor Paneira 70)
HT: 0-0. Att: 7,000
Benfica 2-1 on agg

HAFNAR HB 0
UNIV. CRAIOVA 3 (Gane 27, 33, Vase 76)
HT: 0-2. Att: 276.
Craiova 7-0 on agg

LUGANO 1 (Subiat 62)
REAL MADRID 3 (Hierro 40, Zamorano 78, 87)
HT: 0-1. Att: 8,000
Madrid 6-1 on agg

SHELBOURNE 1 (Mooney 86)
PANATHINAIKOS 2 (Georgiadis 26, Saravakos 57)
HT: 0-1. Att: 2,000
Panathinaikos 5-1 on agg

TORINO 1 (Silenzi 45)
LILLESTROM 2 (Sinigaglia og 48, Mjelde 58)
HT: 1-0. Att: 25,000
Torino 3-2 on agg

Juventus skipper Baggio (stripes) in a tangle with Lokomotiv Moscow's Drozdod.

Atkinson (far right) scores Aston Villa's first goal against Slovan Bratislava in the UEFA Cup.

UEFA CUP –

1st round, 2nd leg
(September 29 unless stated)

ADMIRA WACKER 2 (Bacher 45, Ljung, 90)
DNIEPR 3 (Bezhanar 43, Pokhlebaev 50, Mikhaylenko 68)
HT: 1-1. Att: 7,300 *(Sep 28)*
Dniepr 4-2 on agg

ATLETICO MADRID 3 (Pedro 34, Manolo 72, Luis Garcia 76)
HEARTS 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 40,000 *(Sep 28)*
Atletico Madrid 4-2 on agg

BOAVISTA 4 (Oliveira 18, 26, Marlon Brandao 30 pen, Owubokiri 86)
US LUXEMBOURG 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 4,000 *(Sep 28)*
Boavista 5-0 on agg

BORDEAUX 5 (Zidane 22, Vercruysse 25, 72, Paille 60, Fofana 67)
BOHEMIANS DUBLIN 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 18,000 *(Sep 18)*
Bordeaux 6-0 on agg

DAC DUNAJSKA STREDA 0
AUSTRIA SALZBURG 2 (Stadler 19, Pfeifenberger 58)
HT: 0-1. Att: 8,000 *(Sep 28)*
Salzburg 4-0 on agg

DUNDEE UNITED 3 (McKinlay 67, Crabbe 79, Clarke 119)
BRONDBY 1 (Kristensen 91)
HT: 0-0. 90min: 2-0. Att: 8,451 *(Sep 28)*
Brondby on away goals aet, agg 3-3

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 1
(Furtok 65)
MOSCOW DYNAMO 2 (Simutenkov 22, Dobrovolski 54)
HT: 0-1. Att: 4,900 *(Sep 28)*
Frankfurt 7-2 on agg

LA CORUNA 5 (Bebeto 18, 51, 71, Barragan 66, 86)
AAB AALBORG 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 20,000 *(Sep 28)*
La Coruna 5-1 on agg

LOKOMOTIV MOSCOW 0
JUVENTUS 1 (Marocchi 54)
HT: 0-0. Att: 5,000 *(Sep 28)*
Juventus 4-0 on agg

MARITIMO 2 (Heitor Junior 66, Vado 77)
ANTWERP 2 (Severeyns 37, Segers 42)
HT: 0-2. Att: 8,000 *(Sep 28)*
Antwerp 4-2 on agg

MECHELEN 1 (Eszenyi 113)
IFK NORRKOPING 1 (Blohm 33)
HT: 0-1. 90min: 0-1. Att: 6,500 *(Sep 28)*
Mechelen 2-1 on agg, aet

PSV EINDHOVEN 0
KARLSRUHE 0
Att: 24,000 *(Sep 28)*
Karlsruhe 2-1 on agg

SERVETTE 4 (Anderson da Silva 57, Dunlop og 58, Giallanza 60, 63)
CRUSADERS 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 5,000 *(Sep 28)*
Servette 4-0 on agg

SPARTAK VLADIKAVKAZ 0
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1
(Chapuisat 62)
HT: 0-0. Att: 31,500 *(Sep 28)*
Borussia 1-0 on agg

APOLLON 4 (Scepovic 40, 65, Spoliarec 111 pen, Kricmarevic 118)
VAC 0
HT: 1-0. 90min: 2-0. Att: 8,000
Apollon 4-2 on agg, aet

ASTON VILLA 2 (Atkinson 15, Townsend 22)
SLOVAN BRATISLAVA 1 (Tittel 86)
HT: 2-0. Att: 24,461
Villa 2-1 on agg

AUXERRE 0
TENERIFE 1 (Felipe 68)
HT: 0-0. Att: 14,000
Tenerife 3-2 on agg

BAYERN MUNICH 3 (Matthaus 18 pen, Karnebeek og 45, Ziege 62)
TWENTE ENSCHEDE 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 24,000
Bayern 7-3 on agg

MARIBOR BRANIK 2 (Stanic 5, 80)
GLORIA BISTRITA 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 6,000.
Maribor 2-0 on agg

CAGLIARI 2 (Matteoli 6, Oliveira 63)
DINAMO BUCHAREST 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 37,500
Cagliari 4-3 on agg

CELTIC 1 (Baumann og 106)
YOUNG BOYS 0
HT: 0-0. 90min: 0-0. Att: 21,500
Celtic 1-0 on agg, aet

KONGSVINGER 4 (Frigard 36, 82, 89, Engerback 45)
OSTERS 1 (Landberg 41pen)
HT: 2-1. Att: 3,759
Kongsvinger 7-2 on agg.

LOKOMOTIV PLOVDIV 0
LAZIO 2 (Luzardi 22, Cravero 66)
HT: 0-1. Att: 23,000.
Lazio 4-0 on agg

MTK BUDAPEST 0
FC REYKJAVIK 0
Att: 1,000
MTK 2-1 on agg

OFI CRETE 1 (Mahlas 42)
SLAVIA PRAHA 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 10,000
OFI 2-1 on agg

OLYMPIAKOS 5 (Christensen 38, 78, Tsiantakis 73, Mitsibonas 77 pen, Batista 85)
BOTEV PLOVDIV 1 (Dimitrov 67pen)
HT: 1-0. Att: 19,000
Olympiakos 8-3 on agg

RAPID BUCHAREST 0
INTERNAZIONALE 2 (Battistini 75, Jonk 83)
HT: 0-0. Att: 23,000
Inter 5-1 on agg

SPORTING LISBON 2 (Cadete 6, A Pacheco 57)
KOCAELISPOR 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 45,000
Sporting 2-0 on agg

VALLETTA 1 (Zarb 8)
TRABZONSPOR 3 (Hani 11, Ogun 43, Unal 66)
HT: 1-2. Att: 2,000
Trabzonspor 6-2 on agg

VITESSE ARNHEM 0
NORWICH CITY 0
Att: 9,133
Norwich 3-0 on agg

WAREGEM 1 (De Kneef 54)
KUUSYSI LAHTI 2 (Annunen 84, Lius 88)
HT: 0-0. Att: 5,000
Kuusysi Lahti 6-1 on agg

VALENCIA 3 (Penev 72 pen, Galvez 104, Gomez 112)
NANTES 1 (Pedros 50)
HT: 0-0. Att: 46,700 *(Sep 30)*
Valencia 4-2 on agg, aet

SECOND ROUND DRAWS

CHAMPIONS CUP
FC Porto v Feyenoord
Monaco v Steaua Bucharest
Levski Sofia v Werder Bremen
FC Copenhagen v Milan
Sparta Prague v Anderlecht
Manchester Utd v Galatasaray
Lech Poznan v Moscow Spartak
Barcelona v FK Austria

CUP-WINNERS CUP
Ajax v Besiktas
Parma v Maccabi Haifa
Innsbruck v Real Madrid
Torino v Aberdeen
Benfica v CSKA Sofia
Arsenal v Standard Liege
Paris SG v Univ. Craiova
Panathinaikos v Bayer Leverkusen

UEFA CUP
Atletico Madrid v OFI Crete
Bayern Munich v Norwich City
Boavista v Lazio
Bordeaux v Servette
Celtic v Sporting Lisbon
Trabzonspor v Cagliari
MTK Budapest v Mechelen
Valencia v Karlsruhe
Internazionale v Apollon
Olympiakos v Tenerife
Eintracht Frankfurt v Dnipr
Salzburg v Antwerp
Juventus v Kongsvinger
Kuusysi Lahti v Brondby
La Coruna v Aston Villa
Borussia Dortmund v Maribor Branik

First leg — October 20
Second leg — November 3

More scandal coming up

Who were the four visitors threatening Fernandez?

AFTER Marseille, more black scandal in the wind . Luis Fernandez, former star Parisian and French international midfielder, now manager of Cannes, alleged that before their match against Montpellier four men came into the dressing room and threatened him with dire consequences if Montpellier didn't win.

In the event they did, 2-1, but by the time you read these notes, I'm sure a great deal will have happened. Dismal days.

That Monaco should have hopped over Paris Saint Germain to contest the Champions Cup was itself something of a scandal. How do UEFA's rules in any way accommodate such a choice?

True, in 1958, after the ghastly Munich air crash, UEFA wanted Manchester United to take part in the next Champions Cup, only for Alan Hardaker of the Football League to reject the idea. But those circumstances were exceptional.

PSG are not the champions of France, nor did they win the Champions Cup, and it was this, with the subsequent television deal it brought them, which seems chiefly to have motivated their refusal to replace Marseille, rather than any great altruism.

Monaco had no such qualms on either score, their able young manager Arsene Wenger made some swingeing moralistic pronouncements, and into the Champions Cup they blithely if controversially went.

Not the happiest of situations, though, being thankful for the smallest mercies, we might feel mildly grateful that France have a Champions Cup representative at all.

You could confine Bernard Tapie in a strait-jacket, shut him in an iron lung, drop him into the Mediterranean, and he would still bob up smiling. Or, possibly, snarling.

Accusing . . . Cannes manager Luis Fernandez claims that four strangers threatened him before the match against Montpellier.

So why not talk of happier things? For example, the progress of the international team under Gerard Houllier. In the pious hope, of course, that nothing will have gone badly wrong by the time you read this! After all, these are star-crossed times for French football.

I need hardly tell English readers what a superb weapon Houllier — once a teacher in Liverpool — has in his English-based player, Eric Cantona (left). We all know that for some years Cantona was the bad boy of French football, abusing former manager Henri Michel, abusing the appeals committee who tried to punish him. Several times, it has seemed that he might be lost for ever to a French international team so badly needing him.

But for the moment at least, after his stormy spell at Leeds United, he and Manchester seem a perfect marriage. The goals he scored within a few days of one another, in Budapest and at home to Arsenal, showed his value to the Reds; and, implicitly, to the national team who recently won comfortably in Finland.

That, to be frank, was not one of Cantona's best performances. Indeed, the outstanding French figure on the field was Marseille defender Marcel Desailly, rising triumphantly above all his club's problems.

Franck Sauzee, who has "escaped" Marseille for the delights of Bergamo and Atalanta, also did well. So did a midfielder Houllier has launched, Paul Le Guen.

He has been around, with Brest, with Nantes, and now as a Cup-winners Cup contestant with PSG.

Le Guen is a modest man, given to brief answers. He says that if there is anything against him, it is his age; he is now 29 and has played nearly 300 games in the championship.

No, he won't say anything about Houllier, because in principle "I never talk about managers."

If he speaks ill of them, he says, people will think him daft. If he speaks well of them, he seems a sycophant.

He says that the Marseille affair may be a

Leaping . . . Paul Le Guen, chasing success in the Cup-winners Cup with Paris Saint Germain.

Logical . . . PSG's Bernard Lama.

blessing in disguise, that it may scare anyone who wants to pull strokes in future. Though it does not seem to have scared the four mysterious men who confronted Fernandez in the Cannes dressing room.

Typically, Le Guen says there are plenty of candidates for the French international team who are only just behind him, as he for quite a while was only just behind the incumbents. For the moment, though, this taciturn Breton looks well worth his place.

Bernard Lama, of course, is his club mate, another player who has done the rounds before playing Paris. He admits that this may have helped him in his international career, but he adds:

"What's happening to me now is a logical development, thanks to all the work I've donè in the past.

"I'm more the master of my play than I have been for some time.

"Playing important games at international level allows a player to improve; it's nature.

"Until now, I had played only championship matches. In international play I've gained superior experience."

He, too, was once with Brest. Also at Lens and Lille. And he concedes that joining a more fashionable club puts one in the public eye, though in the last resort the team manager must decide.

As for PSG, they are no longer a surprise: Things will be tougher. People can see them coming.

ANDRE DUCLOS

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris SG	10	6	2	2	16	7	14
Bordeaux	10	6	2	2	15	7	14
Cannes	10	5	4	1	16	12	14
Nantes	10	4	5	1	8	4	13
Monaco	10	5	2	3	14	8	12
Sochaux	10	4	4	2	11	6	12
Marseille	9	4	4	1	10	5	12
Strasbourg	10	2	8	0	12	8	12
Auxerre	10	4	3	3	9	10	11
Caen	10	4	2	4	8	12	10
Martigues	10	2	5	3	11	11	9
Metz	9	3	3	3	9	9	9
Saint-Etienne	10	2	5	3	8	8	9
Lyon	10	3	2	5	10	13	8
Montpellier	9	3	2	4	8	12	8
Lens	10	2	3	5	6	8	7
Angers	10	2	3	5	10	18	7
Lille	10	0	5	5	7	13	5
Le Havre	10	0	5	5	5	13	5
Toulouse	9	0	5	4	3	12	5

Action in the Gerland Stadium . . . Lyon versus Angers.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

WEEKEND

BORDEAUX 2 (Zidane 56, Paille 86)
TOULOUSE 0. **Att:** 16,582.

CAEN 1 (Dedebant 79)
CANNES 1 (Lambourde 64). **Att:** 19,202.

MARSEILLE 3 (Voller 37, 71 pen, Boksic 90)
ST ETIENNE 1 (E. Mendy 89).
Att: 35,000.

LILLE 0
NANTES 0. **Att:** 9,164.

STRASBOURG 1 (Leboeuf 4 pen)
MONACO 1 (Djorkaeff 72). **Att:** 29,145.

LYON 0
MARTIGUES 0. **Att:** 23,367.

SOCHAUX 1 (Caveglia 81)
AUXERRE 0. **Att:** 6,870.

ANGERS 1 (Germain 35)
PARIS SG 1 (Ginola 51). **Att:** 13,083.

METZ 2 (Zitelli 8 pen, 85)
LENS 1 (R. Boli 81). **Att:** 10,283.

MONTPELLIER 2 (Asanovic 23, Djaffo 83)
LE HAVRE 1 (Bertin 30). **Att:** 7,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

BORDEAUX 2 (Lizarazu 51, Dogon 90)
METZ 0. **Att:** 15,007.

CANNES 4 (Priou 8, 18, Durix 66, Micoud 73)
ANGERS 3 (Lagrange 41, 69, El Hadaoui 52 pen).
Att: 5,551.

MONACO 1 (Djorkaeff 14 pen)
LILLE 0. **Att:** 4,000.

PARIS SG 1 (Rai 55)
MONTPELLIER 0. **Att:** 25.083.

TOULOUSE 0
MARSEILLE 0. **Att:** 13,702.

NANTES 2 (Siasia 26, N'Doram 82)
STRASBOURG 2 (Hughes 77, Hasek 86).
Att: 12,497.

ST. ETIENNE 0
SOCHAUX 0. **Att:** 11,700.

MARTIGUES 0
AUXERRE 1 (C. Martins 46). **Att:** 8,000.

LENS 2 (Dehu 79, Peron 85)
LYON 0. **Att:** 15,941.

LE HAVRE 1 (Moreau 80)
CAEN 2 (Dedebant 15, Nouma 35).
Att: 7,723.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

MARSEILLE 3 (Di Meco 46, Dutuel 73, Prunier 90)
BORDEAUX 1 (Paille 1). **Att:** 38,000.

LYON 1 (Colleter 20 og)
PARIS SG 3 (Weah 21, Ginola 48, Guerin 90).
Att: 30,000.

MONTPELLIER 2 (Der Zakarian 19, Sanchez 48)
CANNES 1 (Madar 11). **Att:** 11,000.

SOCHAUX 2 (Vos 2, Baudry 74)
MONACO 0. **Att:** 7,100.

STRASBOURG 3 (Bouafia 39, Pouliquen 80, Hasek 87)
MARTIGUES 0. **Att:** 16,972.

AUXERRE 1 (C. Martins 4)
LENS 0. **Att:** 9,000.

ANGERS 0
NANTES 0. **Att:** 10,516.

CAEN 1 (Gorter 38)
TOULOUSE 0. **Att:** 15,000.

METZ 2 (Chanlot 27, Zitelli 75)
LE HAVRE 0. **Att:** 7,200.

LILLE 0
ST ETIENNE 2 (Cyprien 73, E. Mendy 78). 6,970.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

PARIS SG 4 (Weah 20, 30, Le Guen 27, Ginola 75)
AUXERRE 0. **Att:** 30,000.

BORDEAUX 2 (Lizarazu 3, 67 pen)
LILLE 1 (Bonalair 39). **Att:** 14,000.

CANNES 1 (Madar 23)
LYON 0. **Att:** 6,000.

NANTES 1 (Oudec 32 pen)
CAEN 0. **Att:** 10,643.

MONACO 3 (Sonor 68, Ikpeba 78, Klinsmann 84)
ANGERS 0. **Att:** 3,000.

LE HAVRE 0
SOCHAUX 0. **Att:** 5,422.

ST ETIENNE 0
STRASBOURG 0. **Att:** 12,036.

MARSEILLE 0
METZ 3 (Zitelli 42 pen, N'Diaye 78, Pires 80).
Att: 18,000.

LENS 1 (Omam-Biyik 49)
MARTIGUES 1 (Mazzolini 87).
Att: 18,291.

A familiar look

Gullit in fine form and Milan go right to the top

THE club shirt has changed and the team list now reads differently but the protagonists are the same. Dutch legend Ruud Gullit and reigning champions Milan parted company last summer but, separately and as rivals, they continue to make the main headlines in Italian soccer.

After only six days of the season, Milan were not only already two points clear of closest rivals, Sampdoria (plus Gullit), Torino and Parma, but they were also the only unbeaten side in the First Division and the only one yet to concede a goal.

By the time of their seventh league fixture, at home to Lazio, the champions had celebrated a two-year run on top of the Italian table.

So, just as the scribes were adjusting modems and loading disk drives to file the Official Milan Obituary, the champions have defied all gloomy predictions.

The departure of Gullit and compatriot Frank Rijkaard (to Ajax Amsterdam), plus an injury list including the third Dutchman, Marco Van Basten, winger Gigi Lentini, right-back Cristian Panucci and left-back Paolo Maldini, had tempted commentators to predict a difficult start for Milan.

One man not surprised by the champions' excellent seasonal start, however, is defender Alessandro "Billy" Costacurta, who argues that the much-criticised 24-player first squad which have proven their worth already this season.

The presence of Frenchman Jean-Pierre Papin, Romanian Florin Raducioiu and Marco Simone has meant that Van Basten's absence has gone unnoticed in attack, while the Lentini gap has bee well covered by a combination of Dane Brian Laudrup, international Stefano Eranio and old hand Roberto Donadoni.

Furthermore, new boy Alessandro Orlando has done very well at left-back in place of Maldini.

All of which leads Costacurta to the disturbing conclusion that Milan are stronger than ever this season. He explains: "The greatness of this team resides in its ability to cover up for its missing players.

"Van Basten, Lentini and Maldini in their respective roles are the best in the world, but the guys who have been playing instead of them have done so well that we hardly notice their absence.

"Then in two months, when we need fresh legs, we can count on those injured players who are ruled out just now."

While Milan have sailed majestically on, only two sides — Sampdoria and Parma — have looked like serious rivals .

Gullit has been the key to Sampdoria's bright start. At half-time in their 2-1 home win over Lecce, Sampdoria's Swedish coach, Sven Eriksson, went up to Gullit in the dressing room and said: "Just keep that up, Ruud, and we're sure to win. Frankly, I haven't seen you play as well as this for four or five seasons at least."

Eriksson is right. Given the freedom of the park, unlike at Milan where he was tied into a right-wing attacking role, Gullit has blossomed, providing sparkling performances in which he has at times been sweeper, midfield playmaker, centre- forward and even winger.

At the age of 31, and with four injury-plagued seasons behind him, Gullit, rather than moving over into the slow lane, has been having fun proving his critics wrong.

Most commentators had assessed Milan's decision to let him go to Sampdoria this summer, out of contract and for the UEFA regulation fee of $714,000, as the definitive proof that he was finished and going downhill fast.

Try and tell that to second-placed Sampdoria and to the enthusiastic Eriksson.

If Sampdoria have their inspirational foreigner in Gullit, so too do Parma, the European Cup-winners Cup holders. He is the outstanding Colombian international forward, Faustino Asprilla.

Having helped his native country to World Cup qualification at the expense of Argentina, no less, and having scored two goals in that historic 5-0 win in Buenos Aires, Asprilla returned to Italy with the season already under way.

The late start made little difference, with Asprilla immediately getting important, and brilliant, goals against Torino and Sampdoria in the League and against the hapless Swedes, Degerfors, in the first round, first leg of the Cup-winners Cup. Parma took the home leg 2-0 to complete a 4-1 aggregate win.

While, for the time being at least,

Predicting . . . Alesandro Costacurta of Milan.

Outstanding . . . Ruud Gullit of Sampdoria.

Shrewd . . . Internazionale coach Osvaldo Bagnoli.

it is legitimate to visualise Parma and Sampdoria as serious championship rivals for Milan, the list stops there. Internazionale, a pre-season favourite with many, have yet to put their house in order and graphically illustrated the level of confusion when dropping both their newly-signed Dutchmen, Dennis Bergkamp and Wim Jonk, for their away match with Cagliari.

Fortunately, the sporting Gods were alert to the situation and Inter lost 1-0 — a thoroughly deserved reprimand for a classic piece of "Blame the Foreigner" if you cannot get it right.

In the end, however, Inter coach Osvaldo Bagnoli is too shrewd not to find a way of incorporating both Dutchmen in his team.

When he does so, then Inter will be a force to reckoned with. Until then, they will continue to be some way off the championship pace.

Lazio, however, might be justified if they were to begin to "Blame the Foreigner".

The Roman club, tipped by many as championship outsiders, have made a miserable start in which they have been penalised by the departure of German striker Karl-Heinz Riedle (to Borussia Dortmund), the unavailability through injury of leading goalscorer Giuseppe Signori and the continuing inconsistency of injury-interrupted Paul Gascoigne.

Lazio, having decided more than two years ago to build a side around the talented Englishman, have so far had little return on their investment.

Gascoigne is always under huge media pressure, both in Italy and in England, while it has to be remembered that he remains a player still on the road back from injury.

All those excuses, however, are likely to count for nothing in the pressurised cauldron of Serie A, if Lazio do not start to put together a few good results.

Watch this space.

PADDY AGNEW

RESULTS

SERIE A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Milan	6	5	1	0	8	0	11
Parma	6	4	1	1	9	4	9
Torino	6	4	1	1	8	4	9
Sampdoria	6	4	1	1	10	7	9
Juventus	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Internazionale	6	3	2	1	7	4	8
Cagliari	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
Foggia	6	1	4	1	4	3	6
Napoli	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Atalanta	6	2	1	3	9	9	5
Cremonese	6	2	1	3	4	5	5
Lazio	6	1	3	2	3	6	5
Roma	6	2	1	3	6	9	5
Genoa	6	1	2	3	4	6	4
Piacenza	6	1	2	3	4	9	4
Udinese	6	1	1	4	3	7	3
Reggiana	6	0	3	3	3	9	3
Lecce	6	0	1	5	3	9	1

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

WEEKEND

CAGLIARI 1 (Allegri 80)
UDINESE 2 (Branca 50 pen, Statuto 75). **Att:** 20,000.

CREMONESE 2 (Tentoni 39, 79)
NAPOLI 0. **Att:** 11,600.

FOGGIA 1 (Di Biagio 78 pen)
INTER 1 (Schillaci 45). **Att:** 23,800.

MILAN 1 (Massaro 39)
GENOA 0. **Att:** 13,000.

PARMA 1 (Zola 29 pen)
LECCE 0. **Att:** 24,000.

ROMA 2 (Balbo 33, Muzzi 80)
JUVENTUS 1 (Moller 78). **Att:** 67,500.

SAMPDORIA 2 (Jugovic 35, R. Mancini 48 pen)
PIACENZA 1 (Bucchioni 43 og). **Att:** 28,000.

TORINO 2 (Venturin 22, D. Fortunato 32)
ATALANTA 1 (Ganz 78). **Att:** 20,000.

REGGIANA 0
LAZIO 0. **Att:** 15,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MIDWEEK

ATALANTA 2 (Ganz 9, Scapolo 53)
REGGIANA 1 (Padovano 87). **Att:** 21,200.

GENOA 1 (Nappi 40)
CAGLIARI 1 (Allegri 23 pen). **Att:** 28,500.

INTER 2 (Bergkamp 9, Schillaci 81)
CREMONESE 1 (Festa 54 og). **Att:** 50,000.

JUVENTUS 3 (Conte 29, R. Baggio 47, Moller 65)
SAMPDORIA 1 (Gullit 28). **Att:** 46,200.

LAZIO 2 (Fuser 28, Cravero 48 pen)
PARMA 1 (Zola 40). **Att:** 49,600.

LECCE 0
FOGGIA 2 (P. Bresciani 21, Roy 90). **Att:** 19,000.

NAPOLI 0
TORINO 0. **Att:** 33,600.

PIACENZA 0
MILAN 0. **Att:** 20,600.

UDINESE 0
ROMA 0. **Att:** 20,000.

WEEKEND

CAGLIARI 1 (Dely Valdes 45)
INTER 0. **Att:** 25,000.

CREMONESE 1 (Nicolini 19)
LAZIO 0. **Att:** 11,200.

FOGGIA 1 (Roy 61)
JUVENTUS 1 (Ravanelli 68). **Att:** 26,000.

MILAN 2 (Papin 23, Raducioiu 52)
ATALANTA 0. At: 72,000.

PARMA 2 (Zola 1, Crippa 87)
GENOA 1 (Petrescu 20). **Att:** 24,500.

REGGIANA 1 (Morello 46)
PIACENZA 1 (Carannante 27). **Att:** 12,400.

ROMA 2 (Rizzitelli 45, Bonacina 55)
NAPOLI 3 (Buso 25, Di Canio 53, Ferrara 70). **Att:** 50,700.

SAMPDORIA 2 (Jugovic 42, Platt 78)
LECCE 1 (Gerson 44). **Att:** 25,000.

TORINO 1 (Silenzi 49)
UDINESE 0. **Att:** 20,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

ATALANTA 0
CREMONESE 0. **Att:** 25,000.

FOGGIA 0
CAGLIARI 1 (Dely Valdes 80). **Att:** 20,000.

GENOA 0
NAPOLI 0. **Att:** 26,000.

JUVENTUS 4 (Ravanelli 56, Moller 58, R. Baggio 77, Del Piero 81)
REGGIANA 0. **Att:** 35,000.

LAZIO 0
INTER 0. **Att:** 60,000.

MILAN 2 (Albertini 45, Nava 70)
ROMA 0. **Att:** 70,000.

PARMA 3 (Asprilla 59, 67, 92)
TORINO 0. **Att:** 26,700.

UDINESE 0
SAMPDORIA 2 (Platt 54, Mancini 74). **Att:** 12,000.

PIACENZA 2 (Ceramicola 58 og, Turrini 87)
LECCE 1 (Baldieri 44). **Att:** 11,500.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

CAGLIARI 4 (Matteoli 32 pen, Cappioli 42, Dely Valdes 66t, Luis Oliveira 88).
LAZIO 1 (Cravero 35 pen). **Att:** 20,000

INTER 2 (Bergkamp 15 pen, Ruben Sosa 82).
PIACENZA 0. **Att:** 40,000

LECCE 1 (Baldieri 22)
JUVENTUS 1 (R. Baggio 68 pen). **Att:** 40,000

NAPOLI 2 (Altomare 12, Bia 68).
UDINESE 1 (Branca 42). **Att:** 40,000

REGGIANA 0
FOGGIA 0. **Att:** 15,000.

ROMA 2 (Balbo 53, Hassler 66).
ATALANTA 1 (Ganz 44). **Att:** 44,000

SAMPDORIA 1 (Lombardo 4).
PARMA 1 (Asprilla 30). **Att:** 35,000

TORINO 2 (Silenzi 51, 83)
GENOA 0. **Att:** 25,000.

CREMONESE 0
MILAN 2 (Papin 8, Simone 20). **Att:** 16,000

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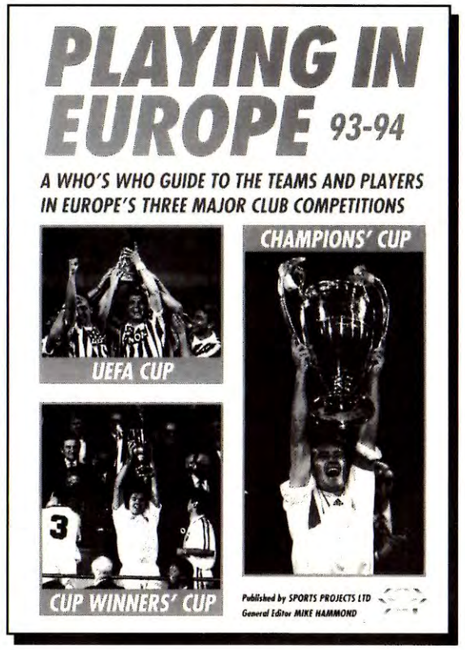

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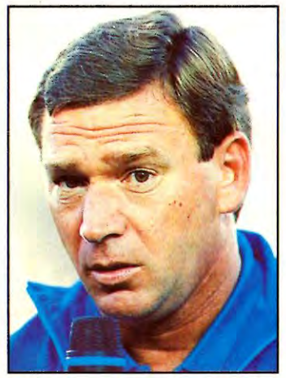
SPAIN

Salinas stars and struggles

EVERYONE loves Julio Salinas — except John Cruyff. During Spain's 5-1 win in Albania, Salinas scored a hat-trick and set up the other two for Toni and Caminero.

Anybody else would be a national hero after keeping his country's World Cup hopes alive, but poor old Julio still can't get a ride back at the ranch in Barcelona.

At the time of writing, his contribution to Barca's League campaign boils down to 67 minutes on the pitch.



Successful . . . Javier Clemente.

Salinas (right), now 31, can look back on a curious career. He scored 25 goals in 92 League and Cup appearances for Athletico Bilbao between 1982 and 1986, during Javier Clemente's fruitful regime as manager. He then scored 35 League, Cup and European goals in 89 games for Atletico Madrid 1986-88, before arriving at Nou Camp at the same time as Cruyff. So far so good, and 20 goals in his first season seemed a healthy balance.

In the meantime he scored against the Soviet Union on his international debut in 1986, and went on to represent Spain in the 1986 and 1990 World Cups and the 1988 European Championship.

His hat-trick in Tirana brought his total to 13 in 36 matches and, if his goals help Spain to qualify, he would play his third World Cup next year. A magnificent career, one would think. Julio doesn't think so.

"I fail to understand how a player who is a regular for his country can fail to be a first-teamer at his club."

This is by no means a unique case, but certainly a strange one. Salinas, who plays as if his feet are all fingers and thumbs, was seen as a controversial signing by the Barcelona fans.

"He is a fantastic striker," retorted Cruyff.

"You just have to be a little intelligent to appreciate what he does."

Salinas snatched the No. 9 shirt from Gary Lineker, who left at the end of the 88-89 season. Everybody thought that the door was wide open for Salinas — everybody except Cruyff.

Since then Salinas has played a mere 31 full games for Barcelona in the Spanish League. In 1989-90 he was top scorer with 15, despite playing only 13 full games.

Since then he has worn a furrow on the bench watching team-mates such as Hristo Stoichkov and Romario.

Should Bulgaria, Brazil and Spain all qualify, Barcelona could have three central strikers in the World Cup, with Salinas again desperate to prove that Cruyff has got it all wrong.

Tales of old Tirana

MATCH-RIGGING allegations cast a shadow over Spain's 5-1 win over Albania in the World Cup qualifying match in Tirana.

Juan Espino, vice-president of the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) confirmed on a radio programme that an intermediary had offered the chance to "buy" the right result for between £30,000 and £40,000.

This set the oil spitting in the paella pan. The RFEF president, Angel Villar, was furious that he had not been told. Ditto Rafael Cortes Elvira, Spain's Secretary of State for Sport.

Gerardo Gonzalez, RFEF Director of External Relations, described the offer as "ridiculous and insulting," and added: "If we can't beat Albania we don't deserve to be in the World Cup finals."

Then two other factors turned RFEF faces redder than the national team's shirts (or bluer than those they wore in Albania).

Firstly, the intermediary in question was sitting, large as life, on the aircraft taking the official party to Tirana and back.

Some said he should not have been allowed back, but the idea of abandoning him in the Albanian capital was rejected for humanitarian reasons.

The man in question is Carlos Uriarte, one-time president of FC Badajoz and now dabbling in the transfer market.

He denied everything, and said the only reason for contacting Espino was to discuss the bureaucratic barriers blocking a move by the former Apolonia striker, Albert Stroni, to Second Division side Toledo.

The second moment of embarrassment came when one ton of food, clothing and medical supplies, handed over to the Albanians, was classified as a bribe.

On returning to Madrid, the RFEF produced faxes in which charter company Air Europa claimed full and exclusive responsibility for the humanitarian aid — acquired through private donations from company employees.

Espino tendered his resignation, but Villar turned it down and the RFEF eventually blamed the media for making a mountain out of a molehill which they claimed was non-existent. All the same, FIFA have been informed.

Only 10,000 fans too many . . .

ANYONE interested in a job lot of around 10,000 season-ticket holders?

While other clubs fight to win them over, Barcelona are preparing to chuck out that number in a move refuting the notion that redundancy cannot affect football fans.

No, this has not been held over from April 1. Unlikely as it seems, it is pure logic. Barcelona's plans include the installation of executive boxes on the first floor of Nou Camp, the extension of what one might call the Royal Box and the abolition of the standing areas behind the goals, so that the ground meets all-seated requirements.

Nou Camp will lose top spot in Europe's rankings to Benfica's

A REAL MESS

IF THE IDEA of Real Madrid in the relegation play-offs is hard to swallow, the club's fans are gagging on an outrageously large collective lump in the throat.

But casting aside the old cliches about "early days", that's where Real were after the first month of the Spanish season! 17 out of 20.

Nobody thought the Meringues would crumble so quickly after they began with a 4-1 win at Osasuna.

But Real then treated home fans to 3-1 and 1-0 defeats, against Valladolid and Oviedo. In between Real were trounced 4-0 in La Coruna.

This allowed several of the principal actors to walk to their chalk marks in centre pages and read lines from a well-thumbed script.

As *WORLD SOCCER* readers well know, the word "crisis" has become part of the daily vocabulary at Real recently.

Coach Benito Floro announced that only cowards retire from battles. Skipper Manolo Sanchis proclaimed that it was not Floro's fault. The media shuffled names such as Vujadin Boskov, Francisco Maturana, Cesar Menotti and Terry Venables.

The board held emergency meetings which resulted in the time-honoured vote of confidence, not unrelated to the £1 million compensation that could be payable to the manager and his henchmen.

One director, involved in re-negotiating the club's long-term contract with Dorna, felt moved to declare that Real are not bankrupt but did indeed have problems with "liquid assets".

One would not have thought so, given the quantity of tears shed after the defeat by Oviedo, coached by none other than Radomir Antic.

He might have added one or two of the crocodile variety, harking back to his dismissal by Real less than two years ago, when the Meringues were three points clear of Barcelona.

Whatever the outcome — and there could well be developments while this issue is at the printers — Ramon Mendoza's days in the presidency seem numbered.

Rightly or wrongly, influential sectors of the media regard him as the bad apple. Their arguments are weighty. Top coaches have trooped in and out and even Floro, a measured speaker, moans that he has been impotent to change attitudes within the club's hierarchy. Signings have been made at peak prices only to reach the depths of bad form.

Yet when all is said and done, games are won and lost on the pitch, and Floro must accept his share of the blame.

The new generation represented by Alfonso and Luis Enrique have had progress blocked by the Untouchables.

On the pitch nobody has looked at ease as stress has built up. Zamorano is so keen to touch bases with goalkeepers that he leaves himself no space to work in.

Pressure is applied in all the wrong areas, leaving Real with such enormous positional problems that desperation tackles have been their only consistent reply to any opposing counter-attacks: 17 players booked, Alkorta sent off.

The goals conceded have not required magic wands or strokes of genius. A one-two or a modicum of intelligent running simply carved through the centre of the defence.

All this has produced jubilation in Barcelona and distracted attention from an indifferent start.

Cruyff's champions took six points from the first four games without producing dazzling football.

Perhaps this might be a good season for a flutter on somebody else.

Valencia, Atletico Madrid, Deportivo La Coruna and Athletic Bilbao all made sound starts.

RESULTS

PRIMERA DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valencia	4	3	1	0	9	4	7
Athletic Bilbao	4	3	1	0	8	3	7
Barcelona	4	2	2	0	7	1	6
La Coruna	4	2	2	0	6	0	6
Atletico Madrid	4	2	2	0	7	5	6
Sevilla	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Santander	4	2	1	1	2	1	5
Real Sociedad	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Sporting Gijon	4	2	1	1	3	3	5
Tenerife	4	2	0	2	8	7	4
Rayo Vallecano	4	2	0	2	6	6	4
Albacete	4	1	2	1	4	6	4
Valladolid	4	1	1	2	5	5	3
Celta	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
Oviedo	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Logrones	4	1	0	3	2	5	2
Zarágoza	4	0	2	2	5	9	2
Real Madrid	4	1	0	3	5	9	2
Osasuna	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
Lleida	4	0	0	4	2	6	0

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

MIDWEEK

BARCELONA 3 (Romario 14, 65, 87)
REAL SOCIEDAD 0. **Att:** 70,000.

OSASUNA 1 (Spasic 86)
REAL MADRID 4 (Alfonso 43, 45, Butragueno 70, Michel 84 pen). **Att:** 12,642.

LA CORUNA 0
CELTA 0. **Att:** 24,000.

TENERIFE 1 (Felipe 51)
LLEIDA 0. **Att:** 20,000.

OVIEDA 0
VALENCIA 3 (Mijatovic 22, 41, Fernando 66). **Att:** 17,000.

ATLETICO MADRID 1 (Luis Garcia 33)
LOGRONES 0. **Att:** 20,000.

WEEKEND

REAL ZARAGOZA 1 (Poyet 89)
SEVILLA 2 (Monchu 24, Suker 85). **Att:** 12,000.

ATHLETIC BILBAO 4 (Guerrero 15, 33,73, Andrinua 19)
ALBACETE 1 (Sala 84 pen). **Att:** 28,000.

VALLADOLID 0
GIJON 1 (Juanele 62). **Att:** 10,000.

SANTANDER 1 (Popov 26)
RAYO VALLECANO 0. **Att:** 12,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

ALBACETE 0
BARCELONA 0. **Att:** 10,500.

REAL MADRID 1 (Alfonso 75)
VALLADOLID 3 (Alberto 30, 48, Cuaresma 50). **Att:** 90,000.

GIJON 0
LA CORUNA 2 (Nando 78, Manjarin 82). **Att:** 19,200.

REAL SOCIEDAD 2 (Alquiza 2, Kodro 18)
REAL ZARAGOZA 2 (Aragon 6, Higuera 48). **Att:** 20,000.

SEVILLA 1 (Bango 51)
OSASUNA 1 (Ziober 68). **Att:** 30,000.

LOGRONES 0
SANTANDER 1 (Pineda 19). **Att:** 8,500.

LLEIDA 1 (Aguila 17)
ATHLETIC BILBAO 2 (Ciganda 14, Garitano 56 pen). **Att:** 8,000.

RAYO VALLECANO 4 (Calderon 33, Hugo Sanchez 37, 74, Pablo 89)
TENERIFE 3 (Latorre 28, Chano 35, Pier 89). **Att:** 8,000.

VALENCIA 2 (Penev 27 pen, Mijatovic 54)
ATLETICO MADRID 2 (Luis Garcia 31, Pirri 37). **Att:** 44,000.

CELTA 1 (Berges 41)
OVIEDO 1 (Rivas 90). **Att:** 20,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

ATHLETIC BILBAO 0
BARCELONA 0. **Att:** 28,000.

LA CORUNA 4 (Claudio 32, 58, Manjarin 83, Fran 90)
REAL MADRID 0. **Att:** 27,000.

SANTANDER 0
VALENCIA 1 (Fernando 86). **Att:** 20,000.

ATLETICO MADRID 3 (Vizcaino 25, Luis Garcia 33, Quico 55)
CELTA 2 (Gudelj 59 pen, Losada 89). **Att:** 30,000.

TENERIFE 2 (Pinilla 19, Latorre 21)
LOGRONES 0. **Att:** 17,000.

VALLADOLID 2 (Suker 22, 61)
SEVILLA 2 (Alberto 45, Baraja 46). **Att:** 11,000.

OSASUNA 0
REAL SOCIEDAD 2 (Alquiza 3, Carlos Xavier 18). **Att:** 18,000.

REAL ZARAGOZA 1 (Caceres 88)
ALBACETE 1 (Menendez 14). **Att:** 10,000.

OVIEDO 0
SPORTING GIJON 1 (Juanele 77). **Att:** 21,000.

LLEIDA 0
RAYO VALLECANO 0. **Att:** 9,500.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

VALENCIA 3 (Fernando 10, 42, Penev 86)
ALBACETE 2 (Chano 83 pen, Felipe 90). **Att:** 46,200

RAYO VALLECANO 1 (Hugo Sanchez 35 pen)
ATHLETIC BILBAO 2 (Ciganda 3, 14). **Att:** 14,300

BARCELONA 4 (Beguiristain 10, 12, 45, Estebaranz 52)
REAL ZARAGOZA 1 (Higuera 17). **Att:** 79,000

SEVILLA 0
LA CORUNA 0. **Att:** 32,600

SPORTING GIJON 1 (Abelardo 27)
ATLETICO MADRID 1 (Manolo 45). **Att:** 17,000

REAL SOCIEDAD 1 (Oceano 86)
REAL VALLADOLID 0. **Att:** 12,500

REAL MADRID 0
REAL OVIEDO 1 (Jankovic 77). **Att:** 52,000

CELTA 0
SANTANDER 0. **Att:** 19,000

ALBACETE 2 (Dos Santos 27, Cordero 84)
OSASUNA 1 (Ziober 37). **Att:** 13,000

LOGRONES 2 (Salenko 2, Poyatos 45)
LLEIDA 1 (Milinkovic 77). **Att:** 12,300

Estadio da Luz, with capacity reduced to around 105,000. And this spells trouble for those with season tickets.

Spanish regulations stipulate that 10 per cent of tickets must be put on sale to the general public. With the current capacity of 120,000 there is no problem: 12,000 on sale, 103,027 season tickets. But you do not have to be a mathematical genius to calculate that a capacity of 105,000 means problems.

A minimum of 10,500 must be made available at the turnstiles, leaving the 103,027 faithful parishioners to fight over 94,500 season tickets.

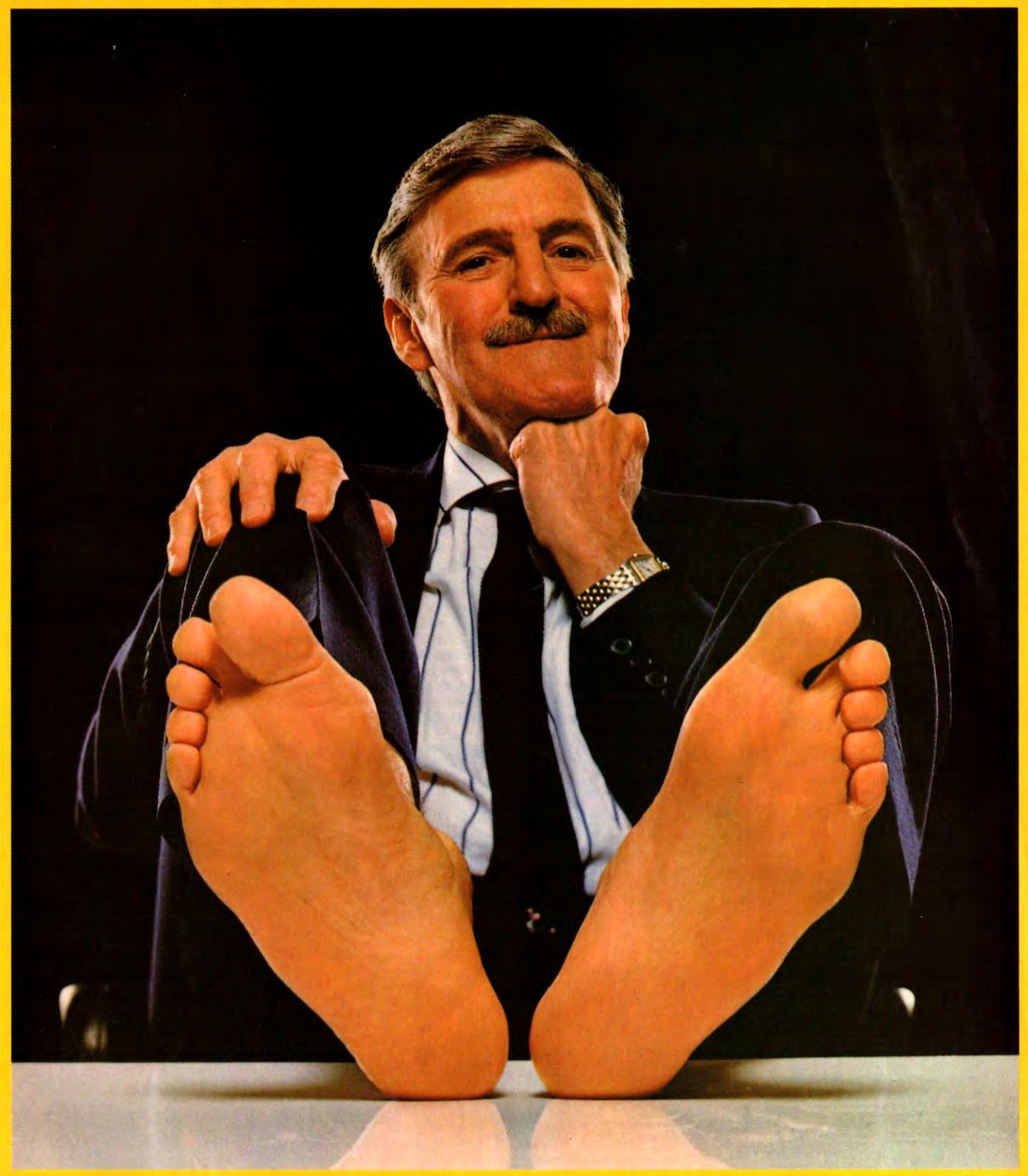
Barcelona prove that success breeds success. Until recently, they were no exception to the general trend towards absenteeism. But three consecutive titles have put the show well and truly back on the road.

At the same time, Barcelona have just released their own Visa credit card bearing the club's shield and colours.

Anyone can apply for one but season-ticket holders pay nothing for the card in the first year and have a 25 per cent discount after that.

More than 300 shops and businesses are offering discounts of between 10 and 30 per cent to cardholders.

And the club's rake-off from the deal means that if 25,000 of those with season tickets apply for the card, nearly £500,000 a year will go towards balancing the books.



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Two-tone trouble

Yellow and red cause a black outlook

GERMAN football is reeling under a spate of violence, with 25 players sent off in the first 63 Bundesliga matches — a record so early in the season.

Part of the problem seems to be that referees are instructed to clamp down on the sliding tackle from behind or from the side.

In addition the two-tone yellow and red card introduced in 1991 is proving a contentious factor, with officials making hasty decisions and penalising relatively mild offences which previously merited no more than a warning.

Now, a player who has been booked, but commits another, perhaps merely technical offence, is shown the two-tone card and sent off. He is automatically banned for the next match and no further disciplinary proceedings are taken against him.

If, however, he is shown the red card, then he must appear before a commission, and usually a lengthy suspension follows.

The chief of the German Referees Committee, Johannes Malka, claims: "The pressure to succeed is weighing heavily on clubs and players. There is no other explanation for the alarming rise in sending-off offences."

But the experts do not go along with that. The country's leading sports publication, *Kicker*, accuses Malka of "propagating the strict interpretation of the rules by referees" and insist that even their chief does not understand some of the so-called fouls.

"His example shows that most referees, not having played the game, are not in a position to assess foul play. They should be trained to learn all aspects of the game," the paper concluded.

Others suggest that because more attacking football is played there are more disputed incidents.

Stuttgart striker Axel Kruse, who was sent off in a Cup tie against Kaiserslautern for assaulting the referee, has been banned for ten weeks and fined £3,200.

Kruse, an East German, complained of a handball offence by an opponent and demanded a penalty. When this was refused he grabbed the referee, Hans-Joachim Osmers, and knocked him to the ground. He was immediately sent off.

The match official reported him to the DFB and wrote: "I was attacked by Kruse who pulled my arm and pushed me so violently that I lost my balance and fell".

Kruse, 25, was lucky that the disciplinary commission judged him guilty only of "unsportsmanlike conduct", instead of violent behaviour.

Back in 1966, international striker Timo Konietzka, playing for TSV 1860 Munich, knocked a referee over and was banned for six months.

Kruse, who recently joined Stuttgart for £700,000 had been sent off once before. He has a bad reputation and at his previous clubs, Eintracht Frankfurt and Hertha Berlin, he was involved in fisticuffs with team-mates during training.

He has been fined £4,000 by Stuttgart, and has apologised to Osmers, to his club, the supporters and team colleagues in an open letter reproduced in Stuttgart's stadium newspaper.

He wrote: "Last Wednesday was the blackest day of my career. Today I know what damage I have done to the club and supporters. I can't turn the clock back. I am conscious of my guilt and the trouble I caused. I hope this will not be regarded as a cheap excuse when I say I am sorry."

On the positive side, attendances are up again. After seven rounds of matches in the Bundesliga the average gate was nearly 30,000. At the corresponding stage last season the figure was 24,500.

The highest average, 43,900 was at Nurnberg, then at the bottom of the table, followed by Stuttgart (43,350) and Bayern (41,000).

Dresden were lowest with 11,967.

Last year's overall average of 25,175 per match was the best for 15 years.

DFB Press chief Wolfgang Niersbach was quoted as saying: "Playing standards have evened out

SPOTLIGHT ON **CHRISTIAN ZIEGE**

After Andy

Bayern boy looks the part

THE IS the youngest member of the German national squad at 21, but Christian Ziege of Bayern Munich is hailed as "the new Brehme", having taken over from the maestro of 1990 World Cup fame as the left-sided midfielder-cum-full-back.

National team manager Berti Vogts, not given to exaggerated assessments, is lavish in his praise. "Ziege is an exceptionally talented player," he says.

"For me he is unquestionably the discovery of the year, just the man we have been looking for since Andy Brehme retired from the national side.

"If he keeps his form and fitness, he could become one of the pillars of the German team for the next ten years."

Extravagant praise indeed, but on the evidence of his development Ziege has all the makings of a truly great footballer, who could be one of the stars of next year's World Cup in the US.

Germany's new hope is dynamic, with pace, control, dribbling skill, excellent technique and remarkable vision for one so young. He is heavily built, 6ft. 2in., brave and tigerish in the tackle, making precision passes along the ground and accurate crosses.

In each of his three internationals to date he laid on at least one vital goal, for Jurgen Klinsmann and Karlheinz Riedle.

Ziege should have scored against

Battling . . . Ziege in action for Germany against the United States at the US Cup.

Going . . . Karlsruhe's Wolfgang Rolf is sent off against Borussia Dortmund.

and now more teams than ever have the potential to win the championship.

"In the past two years fans have been kept in suspense as the title race and the relegation issues were not decided till the last day of the championship.

"Since last season clubs have been investing in new players thanks to the biggest earnings ever from TV and sponsors. Contrary to popular misconception the extensive television coverage has persuaded fans to visit grounds.

"The return from abroad of some big stars such as Brehme, Schuster and Riedle, has also sparked interest, while the clubs have sensibly refrained from raising prices too much."

ARTHUR ROTMIL

England during the US Cup '93, following an irresistible rush from the deep.

He only hit a post, and Klinsmann put the rebound into the net for a 2-1 win.

Ziege was born in Berlin in February, 1972 and played for three amateur clubs — at first as a goalkeeper before moving to midfield. There he was discovered by Vogts, then in charge of the DFB's junior sides.

He picked Ziege, then 17, for the national youth team, and the boy went on to represent Germany at every level. He was pursued by several clubs, but signed for Bayern Munich for £20,000, at 18.

Ziege starred for the Olympic XI and became captain of the Under-21 side. Less than a year ago he was still largely unknown, just another keen youngster on Bayern's books fighting for a permanent place among a galaxy of internationals.

"I know that I am lazy, like to stretch out on the sofa doing nothing and that I talk too much," he admits.

"But I'm also very ambitious and I tend to make the grade in top football."

In the first two years with Bayern he played in 39 Bundesliga matches, scoring three goals, but last season he made the breakthrough.

He played in 28 out of 34 League games, was second best scorer with nine goals, and was picked for the full national squad in June, as the only newcomer.

"I have nothing to lose and therefore I am not going to fret, even if I don't play well in every game," he said. He need not have worried, for the experts were unanimous in their verdict. Zeige was the discovery of the US Cup.

Rarely, if ever, has such a relatively raw recruit made such an impact at the highest level — in a team ranked No. 1 in the world by FIFA in their new computer list.

Ziege went to America a nobody and returned as a first-choice international, on the threshold of riches and stardom.

His sensational rise is reflected in the half-yearly rankings produced by Germany's leading sports paper, *Kicker*.

They rate him the only German wing-back in the international class, and one of only four players whose position in the national side is now undisputed.

Football has provided young Ziege with a comfortable life-style and brought him the adulation beyond all expectations.

Even his private life has been unsettled, and he has just parted from his childhood sweetheart, Bettina, for the second time.

But he still craves high-risk thrills saying: "I am fascinated by our German motor-racing Grand Prix driver, Michael Schumacher, and I would love to swap places with him. My other dream is to make a parachute jump from an aeroplane."

For the present he seems to be going up, not going down.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

RESULTS

BUNDESLIGA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eintracht Frankfurt	9	7	2	0	26	9	16
Werder Bremen	9	6	2	1	19	11	14
Hamburg	9	6	1	2	20	11	13
MSV Duisburg	9	4	5	0	18	10	13
Kaiserslautern	9	5	2	2	18	12	12
Bayer Leverkusen	9	4	3	2	17	15	11
Bayern Munich	9	3	4	2	20	12	10
Borussia Dortmund	9	3	3	3	15	12	9
Koln	9	4	1	4	11	10	9
Stuttgart	8	1	5	2	14	17	7
Karlsruhe	9	2	3	4	8	12	7
Dynamo Dresden	9	2	3	4	10	19	7
Borussia Mg	8	2	2	4	13	18	6
Wattenscheid	9	1	4	4	11	16	6
VfB Leipzig	9	1	4	4	8	17	6
Nurnberg	9	2	2	5	10	20	6
SC Freiburg	9	1	2	6	14	21	4
Schalke	9	1	2	6	7	17	4

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

MIDWEEK

WATTENSCHEID 2 (Lobe 38, Prinzen 63)
STUTTGART 4 (Walter 45, 90, Brdaric 78, Knup 83). **Att:** 5,000.

BAYERN MUNICH 3 (Nerlinger 13, Matthaus 55, Schupp 88)
LEIPZIG 0. **Att:** 30,000.

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 4 (Chapuisat 38, 71, 89, Riedle 88)
DYNAMO DRESDEN 0. **Att:** 40,917.

Chapuisat . . . hat-trick for Dortmund.

HAMBURG 2 (Baron 57, Letchkov 62)
LEVERKUSEN 1 (Thom 78).
Att: 45,950.

BORUSSIA MG 3 (Herrlich 5, Pflipsen 14, Dahlin 17)
SCHALKE 2 (Borodyuk 2, Linke 90).
Att: 31,800.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 3 (Bein 48, 77, Okocha 87)
KARLSRUHE 1 (Schmitt 65).
Att: 32,000.

KAISERSLAUTERN 3 (Sforza 48, Kuntz, 83 pen)
NURNBERG 1 (Zarate 90 pen).
Att: 30,731.

WERDER BREMEN 1 (Hobsch 68)
DUISBURG 5 (Schmidt 52, 61, Westerbeek 66, Weidemann 72, Boger 73). **Att:** 22,000.

KOLN 2 (Polster 12, 52)
FREIBURG 0. **Att:** 22,000.

WEEKEND

STUTTGART 2 (F. Walter 18 pen, Dunga 90)
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 2 (Zelic 45, Sippel 90). **Att:** 37,000.

LEVERKUSEN 2 (Kirsten 17, Foda 22 pen)
KOLN 1 (Polster 83). **Att:** 27,100.

FREIBURG 3 (Seeliger 38, Raklli 56, Todt 85)
BORUSSIA MG 3 (Herrlich 60, Kastenmaier 67, Pflipsen 86). **Att:** 15,400.

SCHALKE 1 (Linke 43)
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 3 (Yeboah 20, Bein 45, Gaudino 68).
Att: 24,300.

DUISBURG 2 (Kozle 3, Reinmayr 57)
BAYERN MUNICH 2 (Wouters 20, Scholl 90).
Att: 34,000.

LEIPZIG 0
WATTENSCHEID 0. **Att:** 5,800.

KARLSRUHE 1 (Schmitt 78)
KAISERSLAUTERN 1 (Marin 19).
Att: 28,000.

NURNBERG 0
WERDER BREMEN 1 (Rufer 84).
Att: 38,000.

DYNAMO DRESDEN 1 (Marschall 14)
HAMBURG 1 (Von Heesen 44).
Att: 11,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MIDWEEK

WATTENSCHEID 0
DUISBURG 2 (Weidemann 75, Kozle 90). **Att:** 10,000.

HAMBURG 3 (Sporl 1, Albertz 31, Baron 53)
STUTTGART 2 (Sverisson 14, Otto 25. **Att:** 22,353.

KOLN 0
DYNAMO DRESDEN 1 (Rath 57). **Att:** 17,000.

KAISERSLAUTERN 0
SCHALKE 0. **Att:** 33,543.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 3 (Yeboah 2, 44, 88)
FREIBURG 0. **Att:** 29,000.

BORUSSIA MG 2 (Klinkert 14, Kastenmaier 82 pen)
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2 (Sergio 8, Schuster 69 pen). **Att:** 28,500.

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 0, LEIPZIG 1 (Rische 9). **Att:** 40,590.

NURNBERG 1 (Wuck 5)
KARLSRUHE 1 (Brunner 9 og).
Att: 29,000.

WERDER BREMEN 1 (Hobsch 52)
BAYERN MUNICH 0. **Att:** 40,800.

WEEKEND

STUTTGART 0
LEIPZIG 0. **Att:** 20,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2 (Foda 61 pen, Fischer 80)
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 2 (Dickhaut 66, Andersen 90). **Att:** 25,000.

SCHALKE 2 (Zarate 20, 61 pen)
NURNBERG 1 (Anderbrugge 28 pen). **Att:** 28,300.

BAYERN MUNICH 3 (Witeczek 16, Nerlinger 56, Scholl 80)
WATTENSCHEID 3 (Lesniak 20, 55, 90). **Att:** 36,000.

DUISBURG 2 (F. Schmidt 39, Kozle 46)
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 2 (Chapuisat 14, Sammer 56). **Att:** 28,104.

DYNAMO DRESDEN 2 (Pilz 15, Stevic 73)
BORUSSIA MG 1 (Pdflipsen 5).
Att: 13,900.

FREIBURG 2 (Cardoso 52 pen, Todt 72)
KAISERSLAUTERN 3 (Ritter 23, Kadlec 66, Kuntz 80). **Att:** 15,400.

STUTTGART 1 (Kogl 79 pen)
KOLN 1 (Dubajic 82). **Att:** 23,000.

LEIPZIG 1 (Liebers 84)
HAMBURG 4 (Baron 25, 75; Von Heesen 37, M. Spies 89). **Att:** 17,800.

KARLSRUHE 3 (Wittwer 11 og, Wiedener 88, 89)
WERDER BREMEN 0. **Att:** 24,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

KOLN 3 (Lehmann 56, Greiner 69, Jancker 87)
LEIPZIG 1 (Edmond 58). **Att:** 14,000.

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1 (Karl 65)
BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Scholl 27).
Att: 42,800.

NUREMBERG 2 (Zarate 12, Zarate 52)
FREIBURG 2 (Wassmer 50, Raklli 53). **Att:** 30,000.

KAISERSLAUTERN 3 (Kuntz 26, Wagner 31, Kuntz 48)
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2 (Thom 16, Kirsten 61).
Att: 30,375.

WERDER BREMEN 0
WATTENSCHEID 0. **Att:** 17,598.

KARLSRUHE 0
SCHALKE 0. **Att:** 27,500.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 3 (Andresen 46, Gaudino 51, Furtok 70)
DYNAMO DRESDEN 2 (Kmetsch 20, Jaehnig 63). **Att:** 29,000.

HAMBURG 0
DUISBURG 1 (Weidemann 71).
Att: 45,000.

BORUSSIA MG v STUTTGART — ***postponed***

HOLLAND.....

Simply The Boss

Advocaat really is in charge now

IN HOLLAND they call Dick Advocaat the "little general": Yes, in size. Yes, in diplomacy. But the Dutch "little general" is in a chalk and cheese situation compared with Rinus Michels his predecessor as national manager.

Michels was the man who could sit around the table with members of the board and talk with them.

Advocaat (above right) is the man who can work with the players.

At the moment he is a real general, little or otherwise. What he says is simple and straight.

"We have to win the game against England on October 13. The fact that Paul Gascoigne will be suspended makes no difference. We've got to win."

This is typical Advocaat. As a player with FC Utrecht and Chicago Sting he was always a battling midfielder.

As a coach, he has spent most of his time as an assistant, most importantly to Michels with the Dutch team.

This is one of the main reasons why so many people in Dutch football, particularly Ruud Gullit, suggest that if Johan Cruyff eventually is appointed manager, Advocaat would be an ideal assistant.

Despite his fighting qualities, and his knowledge of the game, he is not the sort of person who appears almost every evening on TV sport shows. Doing the job is more important to him, and has been ever since Michels first got him involved in coaching, all those years ago.

Advocaat needs the right mix for the England game — for which the 47,000 Feyenoord Stadium was sold out a month in advance.

He has Ed de Goey, the Feyenoord keeper now established as No. 1, but will not be drawn on the question of whether John de Wolf, also of Feyenoord, is a better individual player than Ronald Koeman.

Marco Van Basten is back in action but may not be match-fit. Even so, the Dutch will be aiming to attack.

They cannot play defensive football. As Advocaat knows.

England know how to play defensive football and sometimes seem too keen to do so at the expense of attack.

The imperative need for a victory should mean a more offensive attitude this time, but the absence of the suspended Paul Gascoigne could be vitally important.

Gascoigne, for all his varied faults, remains the key figure in Graham Taylor's squad. No comparable replacement is in sight.

The strikers also are a problem with Ian Wright, Les Ferdinand and Alan Shearer all carrying various knocks at the time of writing.

Wembley battlers . . . Bergkamp and Walker during the 2-2 draw in April.

Probable Holland squad

KEEPERS: Ed de Goey (*Feyenoord*, 28); Theo Snelders (*Aberdeen*, 30).

DEFENDERS: Ronald Koeman (*Barcelona*, 30); Frank Rijkaard (*Ajax*, 31); Danny Blind (*Ajax*, 32); Frank de Boer (*Ajax*, 23); John de Wolf (*Feyenoord*, 32).

MIDFIELD: Jan Wouters (*Bayern Munich*, 33); Dennis Bergkamp (*Internazionale*; 24); Wim Jonk (*Internazionale*, 28); Rob Witschge (*Feyenoord*, 27); Aron Winter (*Lazio*, 26); Peter Bosz (*Feyenoord*, 31).

FORWARDS: Marco Van Basten (*Milan*, 30); Wim Kieft (*PSV*, 25); Peter Van Vossen (*Ajax*, 25); Marc Overmars (*Ajax*, 20); Hans Gillhaus (*Vitesse*, 31).

Probable England squad

GOALKEEPERS: David Seaman (*Arsenal*, 30); Chris Woods (*Sheffield Wed*, 33); Nigel Martyn (*Crystal Palace*, 27).

DEFENDERS: Stuart Pearce (*Nottm. Forest*, 31); Tony Dorigo (*Leeds Utd*, 27); Rob Jones (*Liverpool*, 21); Lee Dixon (*Arsenal*, 29); Tony Adams (*Arsenal*, 27); Des Walker (*Sheffield Wed*, 28); Gary Pallister (*Man Utd*, 28).

MIDFIELD: Paul Ince (*Man Utd*, 26); David Platt (*Sampdoria*, 27); Lee Sharpe (*Man Utd*, 22); Andy Sinton (*Sheffield Wed*, 27); David Batty (*Leeds Utd*, 24); Nigel Clough (*Liverpool*, 27); Trevor Steven (*Rangers*, 31).

FORWARDS: Ian Wright (*Arsenal*, 29); Les Ferdinand (*QPR*, 26); Alan Shearer (*Blackburn*, 23); Paul Merson (*Arsenal*, 25); Teddy Sheringham (*Tottenham*, 27).

● ELEVEN previous England v Holland games produced 30 goals, 10 of them in one match — when England won 8-2 in 1946, with Tommy Lawton scoring four.

● THE first meeting, a 1-0 England win in 1935, was George Eastham's one and only international appearance; 28 years later his son, George junior, completed the first England father-and-son international double.

● ENGLAND have won four and drawn five, scoring 18 goals to 12, but have won only once in the last seven meetings.

● VAN BASTEN's hat-trick in the 1988 European Championship finals was only the sixth England had conceeded in 60 years, and came in Peter Shilton's 100th match for his country.

ERIC NICHOLLS

BELGIUM.....

Chairman's plan is paying off

ONLY a brave man will bet against Anderlecht as they go for a third championship in four seasons.

After only eight games, they had a three-point lead over Club Brugge, and needed to beware of over-confidence. As coach Jan Boskamp says, Anderlecht have only one enemy this season, and that is Anderlecht.

That warning appeared to have gone unheeded when Brugge went to Brussels and won 3-0 — with Lorenzo Staelens scoring a hat-trick.

The early situation had not surprised the Anderlecht chairman, Constant Vanden Stock. He thinks it is the result of a plan made some ten years ago, after two meetings with Tottenham in the finals of the UEFA Cup.

Vanden Stock came to the conclusion that you need a modern stadium with business sears to generate enough money to compete with the best in Europe. So for years Anderlecht invested millions and millions of francs in a new arena.

The club took a calculated risk, because during this period there was less money available to invest in players, less time for Vanden Stock and manager Michel Verschueren to concentrate on other matters.

But now, with the new stadium completed (and partly paid off), Anderlecht earn much more than others in Belgium, and can widen the gap more and more.

That is the way Vanden Stock (the new stadium) is named after him) likes it. Competition is not bad, as long as there is not too much of it, he says.

Standard Liege had a disastrous start and a lot of internal problems. International Mark Wilmots was suspended after being sent off, and Dutch playmaker Frans Van Rooy feels very unhappy after being banned and fined.

He did not show up when coach Arie Haan organised extra training on a Wednesday, saying that he could not go because, on what was a normal day off, he had a very important meeting he could not postpone.

Haan was furious, suspended him for a week and fined him heavily.

"You could buy a nice car for the sum I had to pay," said Van Rooy.

The two promoted teams are doing well. After nine games Oostende were unbeaten and third, and Lommel fourth.

JAN-HERMEN DE BRUIJN

SWITZERLAND.....

ALMOST THERE

THE Swiss national team took another vital step towards qualification for the World Cup finals when they held Scotland 1-1 at Aberdeen.

Admittedly, the hosts were substantially weakened by injury and the early rebuilding of the squad following the crushing 5-0 defeat by Portugal in April.

The Swiss had played better in previous matches, but their performance was quickly forgotten at the final whistle as the reserve players and technical personnel on the bench, and the 3,000 fans who undertook the long journey, celebrated the only thing that mattered — the one point they had set as the minimal target.

Now, irrespective of what happens in the next tie in Portugal, when the Swiss play Estonia at home in the last group match they should win comfortably and book their passage to America next year.

In the championship, the big surprise is the form of Grasshopper, dismissed by the experts in pre-season assessments as candidates for the relegation pool. Despite the loss of three top players, Ciriaco Sforza, Alain Sutter and Peter Kozle, and an economic slump, they have been setting the pace in the First Division.

New team manager Christian Gross has banked on youth and is being rewarded with attacking football, fighting spirit and technical skill. Now even more fans are flocking to the Hardturm Stadium to see the youngsters in action.

Seven in the squad are 23 or under and they are all ambitious to succeed, including Brazilian Elber, who was transferred to Milan but loaned out because the Italians have too many foreigners.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

Swiss celebration . . . Georges Bregy signals another goal.

AUSTRIA.....

Marcelo makes a fine start

AUSTRIA'S team of the month are Admira/Wacker, after four wins on the trot.

They shared top spot with champions FK Austria Wien.

The departure of German team manager Siggi Held and his compatriot, top striker Olaf Marschall, to Dresden, as well as international midfielder Peter Artner to Salzburg, have been largely forgotten.

Under new manager Dietmar Constantini the rebuilt and rejuvenated team are taking the League by storm. Constantini was formerly assistant to the late national team boss, Ernst Happel, and is highly rated.

His defensive pillar is the East German Uwe Muller, as libero.

In Innsbruck the talk is of the Argentinian Marcelo Carracedo. On his arrival experts wrote him off prematurely as a bad buy, but new German team manager Horst Koppel persuaded the directors to persevere, and he is now reaping the reward for his patience.

"Marcelo is the most exciting footballer in the League," says Koppel.

"I know him from the time he played for Fortuna Dusseldorf and was convinced that he would make the grade in the Austrian First Division."

Now Carracedo is even dreaming of making his debut in the Argentinian national team.

Austria's highly-talented export, Harald Cerny, is still undecided about his future. He has a better chance of playing in the national side than in the Bayern Munich first team. He was supposed to sign a professional contract in Munich, but is still only a contractual amateur, playing occasionally for the club's amateurs.

"Perhaps injuries to others will allow me to get games with the seniors," says the 19-year-old Cerny, who will soon have more caps for Austria than appearances for Bayern.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

PORTUGAL.....

Lisbon leader . . . Krassimir Balakov of Sporting.

Will Sporting keep sprinting?

THE Portuguese title race is no longer between only three clubs. Others, such as of Boavista, Beira- Mar and Vitoria Guimaraes, are showing competence and capability.

But it is early days and, as usual, Sporting Lisbon are the leaders, confirming that they would be champions if the season lasted only two or three months.

There is a tradition that Sporting are always the best, but only up to Christmas. This season, however, things may be slightly different.

Bobby Robson has seen his team strengthened with the arrival of Pacheco and Paulo Sousa from Benfica, Bulgarian Balakov, and with the progress of Peixe, Figo and Capucho, youngsters who could go far.

Perhaps the Alvalade squad will show more resilience, more confidence, more determination to go for the championship — at least to go much further than the New Year.

Robson has many options at his disposal to build and keep a first-rate team. But he knows that Porto and Benfica are powerful opponents.

At any rate, Sporting had sprinted clear of Benfica by three points and Porto by four at the time of publication. A brilliant start.

Tomislav Ivic's return to Porto may not be a shrewd move on the part of the chairman, Pinto da Costa.

Ivic had been there before, and left. He had been at Benfica only a year ago, and was told to leave. Why should Porto go for him again? And why should he go back?

But Ivic did return . . . and Porto did not win until the fourth round of the championship.

There is a lot of impatience growing. "This is not the true Porto," some people say.

Others go even further: "We do not have single class player."

ALBERTO DA SILVA

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Admira Wacker	12	8	2	2	17	10	18
Austria Wien	12	8	0	4	26	14	16
Innsbruck	12	5	6	1	19	11	16
Salzburg	12	7	1	4	14	8	15
Modling	12	4	4	4	12	15	12
Rapid Wien	12	4	3	5	14	14	11
Vorwaerts Steyr	12	3	3	6	18	18	9
Sturm Graz	12	4	1	7	14	20	9
St Polten	12	3	2	7	9	17	8
Sportclub	12	1	4	7	8	24	6

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	9	7	1	1	27	12	15
Club Brugge	9	5	4	0	15	6	14
Lommel	9	5	4	0	15	6	14
Oostend	9	4	5	0	14	6	13
Lommel	9	5	2	2	17	12	12
Antwerp	9	5	2	2	12	10	12
Chareleroi	9	4	2	3	11	9	10
Mechelen	9	3	4	2	12	8	10
Seraing	9	3	3	3	13	8	9
Ekeren	9	3	3	3	11	12	9
Standard Liege	9	3	2	4	7	6	8
Cercle Bruges	9	2	4	3	13	15	8
Ghent	9	1	6	2	12	14	8
Beveren	9	1	6	2	7	10	8
Lierse	9	1	5	3	7	10	7
FC Liege	9	1	5	3	7	14	7
Waregem	9	2	5	2	12	21	6
RWDM	9	1	2	6	10	20	4
Genk	9	0	2	7	10	24	2

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Feyenoord	7	7	0	0	13	2	14
Ajax	7	6	1	0	16	2	13
Vitesse Arnhem	7	6	0	1	18	3	12
Roda JC Kerkrade	8	5	2	1	17	10	12
PSV Eindhoven	7	4	2	1	11	6	10
NAC Breda	8	5	0	3	16	10	10
SC Heerenveen	8	4	2	2	6	6	10
FC Twente	8	4	1	3	16	10	9
Willem II Tilburg	7	3	1	3	11	9	7
VVV Venlo	8	3	0	3	7	8	6
GA Eagles	8	2	1	5	12	14	5
Volendam	8	2	1	5	12	18	5
MVV Maastricht	8	1	3	4	9	16	5
Sparta Rotterdam	8	1	3	4	5	12	5
FC Utrecht	8	2	1	5	10	18	5
RKC Waalwijk	8	1	2	5	7	17	4
Groningen	8	2	0	6	8	18	4
Cambuur	7	0	0	7	4	19	0

NORTHERN IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linfield	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Portadown	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Crusaders	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Glentoran	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Coleraine	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Ballyclare	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Cliftonville	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Glenavon	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Ballymena	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
Larne	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Distillery	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Newry	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Omagh Town	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Ards	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Bangor	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Carrick	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shamrock Rovers	7	5	1	1	13	2	16
Cork City	7	4	2	1	12	5	14
Shelbourne	7	3	3	1	7	7	12
Bohemians	7	3	2	2	10	4	11
Dundalk	7	3	1	3	10	7	10
Cobh Ramblers	7	2	3	2	6	6	9
Monaghan	7	2	2	3	5	7	8
Galway Utd	7	2	2	3	8	12	8
St Patrick's Ath	7	1	4	2	5	6	7
Limerick	7	1	3	3	6	13	6
Drogheda Utd	7	1	3	3	5	12	6
Derry City	7	1	2	4	5	11	5

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grasshopper	11	7	2	2	21	8	16
FC Zurich	11	5	4	2	16	6	14
Lugano	11	6	2	3	16	12	14
Sion	11	4	5	2	14	8	13
Lausanne	11	6	1	4	15	15	13
Servette	11	4	4	3	17	18	12
Lucerne	11	4	3	4	15	17	11
Young Boys	11	3	4	4	12	10	10
Neuchatel	11	3	3	5	17	19	10
Aarau	11	4	2	5	13	18	10
Yverdon	11	1	4	6	8	18	6
Kriens	11	0	3	8	8	23	3

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Lisbon	5	5	0	0	13	4	10
Boavista	5	4	0	1	10	4	8
Beira-Mar	5	3	1	1	7	2	7
Benfica	5	2	3	0	11	6	7
Pacos Ferreira	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Guimaraes	5	2	2	1	4	1	6
Belenenses	5	3	0	2	8	6	6
Porto	5	1	3	1	5	4	5
Gil Vicente	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Madeira	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
Maritimo	5	2	0	3	4	7	4
Salgueiros	5	2	0	3	4	7	4
Farense	5	2	0	3	3	8	4
Estoril	5	1	2	2	3	4	4
Famalicao	5	1	1	3	1	7	3
Braga	5	0	3	2	2	5	3
Amadora	5	0	2	3	3	9	2
Setubal	5	0	1	4	3	8	1

REP of IRELAND.....

Rovers return

NOT SINCE the late 1970s, when Johnny Giles took over as manager of Shamrock Rovers, have so many Irish-born players returned home to play in the League of Ireland.

Giles was joined at Glenmalure Park by Eamon Dunphy, Ray Treacy and Paddy Mulligan, but his dream of a professional set-up did not materialise and he left for Vancouver and subsequently West Bromwich.

His three recruits finished their careers in Ireland and all three are now working in their native Dublin.

Sixteen years on and another group of Irish players have returned home. Damien Richardson (above), the former Gillingham manager, is now boss of Cork City, while Tommy Gaynor, Tony Cousins and Brian Mooney are among the long list of Irish-born players who have returned.

Limerick-born Gaynor, a useful player with Nottingham Forest, is now helping Cork City try to retain their title.

Under-21 international Cousins has joined Bohemians from Liverpool, and Mooney, who served as an apprentice at Anfield, is playing for Shelbourne.

The long list of players released by English clubs, coupled with the prospects of a job in Ireland while playing part-time football, has set a new trend with the homesick Irish.

Paul McGee, the 39-year-old Sligo-born striker who played for 15 clubs in Ireland, England, Wales, Canada and Holland has had to quit after suffering neck injuries in a car crash.

Appropriately he finished his career with Finn Harps, the Donegal club where he began his senior career more than 20 years ago.

Shamrock Rovers look like being serious challengers for the Premier Division title. After a few indifferent seasons they have got off to a great start and the glory days could be returning for The Hoops.

SEAN CREEDON

FINLAND.....

Flying high

WHILE defending champions HJK Helsinki have had problems in getting goals, the spotlight has been switched to local rivals FinnPa.

"The Flyers" — they are linked with the state-owned airline — have been playing much more colourful football.

And to further irritate HJK, most of FinnPa's players were rejected by them at one stage or another.

They include national team stopper Markku Kanerva and former Leicester striker Jallu Rantanen, who has played better than for some years. Striker Tommi Paavola, recently in Belgium with Lokeren, was promoted to the national squad after hitting 13 goals in the League.

"HJK's players come from good families — we are more like street kids," one FinnPa player said recently.

FC Jazz have a championship-winning look with Brazilian striker Luiz Antonio doing well.

In Europe, Harri Kampman's MyPa went out of the Cup-winners Cup to Iceland's Valur, and HJK were made to struggle by Estonia's Norma Tallinn in the Champions Cup.

SWEDEN.....

Svensson's so close

A 1-1 DRAW in Sofia against Bulgaria could well prove to be enough to push Tommy Svensson's Sweden into the 1994 World Cup finals.

Improved Sweden saw off the Bulgarian onslaught, after a slightly disappointing 1-1 home draw with France.

Coach Svensson has Martin Dahlin to thank for both point-earning goals.

Despite the earlier hat-trick by Tomas Brolin against Israel, Dahlin has become Svensson's number one goal-getter. The coach, however, also has high hopes of veteran Johnny Ekstrom, who has had a good start in Italy with promoted Reggiana.

In defence, Gothenburg's Joachim Bjorklund is injured and Blackburn's Patrik Andersson will be suspended from the home tie against Finland. So a new stopper will have to be found to partner Jan Eriksson.

The "Allsvenskan" championship will be decided between Gothenburg and IFK Norrkoping. The latter have been scoring freely with *Patrik Andersson* and Jan Jansson sharing 16 goals.

The League's top scorer, however, is young Henrik Bertilsson, of Halmstad, with 18. Gothenburg's Stefan Rehn is Sweden's sharpest schemer with 11 goal-making passes.

Helsingborg continue to attract fans with an average of 10,626 at the Olympia Stadium.

Hammarby took a huge step towards promotion by beating local rivals Djurgarden. Hammarby's hero is former Sporting Lisbon reject Hans Eskilsson, with 19 League goals.

PENTTI HIETANEN

ICELAND.....

Akranes do the double

THE Akranes "Skagamenn" have completed three remarkable seasons by winning both the League and Cup with consistent soccer of a standard rarely seen in Iceland.

IA — their full title is Knattspyrnufelag Ithrottabandalags Akranes — were champions of the Second Division in 1991, champions of the First in 1992, and have now completed a hat-trick and won the knock-out tournament as well.

The Gunnlaugsson twices have been sold to Feyenoord, but IA have re-signed Siggi Johnsson from Arsenal and Olafur Thordarson from Lyn Oslo in Norway.

With Thordur Gudjonsson, who scored 18 times in 16 games, Serbian newcomer Mihajlo Bibercic and skipper Lukas Kostic (above) also to the fore, they have found a winning formula.

Most of the goals came in the second half of their matches, when their superior fitness and determination took a toll of opponents.

Hafnarfjordur, who finished second, were beaten 5-0 at home and away — an indication of IA's supremacy.

BJORN HRAFNSSON

SPOTLIGHT ON

MARTIN DAHLIN

Breathing fire

Attitude pays for Sweden's scoring hope

The heart and soul of Sweden's challenge for the 1994 World Cup finals is Martin Dahlin.

Never mind the five goals he has bagged in the qualifiers, including vital equalisers against France and Bulgaria. His sharpened attitude is what counts — he is breathing fire.

His revival began during the European Championship finals in 1992. Before then he was seen as the infuriatingly inconsistent fringe man of the Swedish team, a player who was unhappy with his club, Germany's Borussia Mg.

But, to the surprise of many pundits, Dahlin came of age. Even his long-lost musician father, living in London, came forward in praise of his son'sperformances. Dahlin, as one German paper put it, was suddenly a player to be taken seriously.

He has two Englishmen to thank for starting his career — Roy Hodgson and Bob Houghton.

Hodgson, now manager of Switzerland, gave Dahlin his first taste of top-class football at Malmo. Houghton, successor to Hodgson as Malmo coach, came to Dahlin's rescue when Malmo wanted to sell him.

Dahlin joined them from Lund in 1986, and Hodgson found him raw but full of promise. "Martin is a born athlete," Hodgson said. "He is quick, has enormous power and endurance in his legs, goes up well for crosses, and fights fire with fire in the box.

"At his best, he is a goal machine with a physique close to perfection.

"But sometimes Martin is his own worst enemy and falls prey easily to provocation."

Dahlin was a sensation during his debut season at Malmo. He topped the Swedish scoring charts, won his first full cap, and his club won the title.

The backlash soon followed. Dahlin's goals dried up, he was dropped from Sweden's World Cup squad for Italia '90, and could not even get into a Malmo team by then struggling to avoid relegation.

"Certainly 1990 was the worst year of my career," Dahlin admits."My confidence was at a very low ebb."

Malmo were negotiating his transfer to neighbouring Helsingborg when new coach Houghton intervened. He argued that Dahlin had potential and that it would wrong to let him go.

The club directors gave in, Dahlin was allowed to stay . . . and he did not

DENMARK.....

Better than ever

THE remarkable improvement in the quality of Danish league soccer is undeniable over the past few years, with great clubs like Bayern Munich being beaten by teams from Denmark in recent times.

And Kent Nielsen, one of the victorious members of Denmark's European Championship triumph, believes the domestic scene is now on a par with Belgium, Austria and Swtzerland.

The big defender, now playing for AGF Aarhus, said: "We have reached the middle rank of European nations — and that's about right.

"We cetainly can't go much further, because the finances mean we can't keep our best players away from Italy, Germany and England. But our clubs can realistically look at reaching the quarter-finals and semi-finals of the European club competitions."

Nielsen also believes clubs have developed a distinctive Danish style, which he would categorise as 3-6-1. He explained: "Tactically we are one of the most advanced countries. The players are well-disciplined and enthusiastic. I think they are best suited to the 'contra' football, the counter-attacking method used by the Danish national side."

That was the certainly the method which has taken Denmark to the brink of qualifying for the World Cup Finals next year, following a fortunate 1-0 victory in Albania. Striker Frank Pingel (above) scored the only goal in Tirana — his third goal in successive internationals.

His career, which floundered at Newcastle, has been revived by a move to Turkish club Bursaspor where former Danish national coach Sepp Piontek is now in charge. Pingel has shed his youthful wild-man reputation, overcome the trauma of a withdrawn rape allegation earlier this year, and now at the age of 28 is looking a true international-class striker.

Denmark, though, also had goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel to thank for a series of stunning saves before Pingel scored in the 63rd minute.

Now they could clinch qualification this month if they beat Northern Ireland at home, and rivals Spain lose a difficult away clash to the Republic of Ireland. If not, the group would go down to the last match, away to Denmark's traditional bogey side, the Spanish.

Skipper Lars Olsen said: "Obviously, we'd prefer that match to be a formality. We lost in the 1984 European semi-finals to Spain on penalties, and then they knocked the great 'Dynamite' side out of the 1986 World Cup.

"Danish fans have bad memories of those games, and having to get a point away to Spain would not be easy."

JIM HOLDEN

NORWAY.....

Bodo cause a surprise

WHEN Bodo/Glimt won promotion to the Norwegian elite division last season they received a lot of stick from experts maintaining that they had their indoor arena to thank.

Bodo is in the Arctic Circle, and they had been allowed to stage matches in their huge hall, on an artificial pitch. In the top division, however, they have to go outdoors at the Aspmyra.

The team started well and went through an impressive first half of the season. Beginners tend to fade when things start to hot up, but Bodo did not, and they have good chances of the title.

Player-coach Trond Sollied has melded an attacking force in a 4-3-3 system. He used to play under Nils Eggen at Rosenborg, and has adopted their system in his new team.

The pace of wingers Asmund Bjorkan and Harald Brattbakk creates a lot of chances, and in midfield Runar Berg and Tom Staurvik have been brilliant. Staurvik has a tremendous shot and Berg, son of former professional Harald Berg, who used to play professionally in Holland, has matured into an international prospect tipped to win his first cap soon.

Bodo also have done well in the Norwegian Cup and reached the final at Brann's expense. Glimt scored twice through Bjorkan and Brattbakk in the first half, only for Brann to come back through two own goals.

In the second half Brann were piling on the pressure searching for the winner but Glimt managed to keep them at bay. Then, near the end, Bjorkan and Berg scored the decisive goals in a 4-2 win that secured them a place in the final at Ullevaal in October.

Stromsgodset beat Fyllingen 2-1, so Bergen's teams both lost in the semi-finals.

As the Norwegian national team stride towards a place in the World Cup, team manager Egil Olsen has seen some promising youngsters come through in club teams.

The mixture of professional exiles and fresh prospects surely makes the future bright for Norwegian football.

SIGURD ODEGAARD

waste a second. In 1991 he hit six goals for Sweden and earned a move to Monchengladbach.

After a scoring debut an injury followed, plus criticism from coach Jurgen Gelsdorf.

He argued that Dahlin was too direct and limited in his approach and did not produce the all-round skill expected of him. But once Gelsdorf was replaced by Bernd Krauss, Dahlin came to his own. Last spring his goals played a big part in helping Borussia away from the relegation zone.

The days of the impatient striker who used to waste open chances are now long gone. Dahlin's equaliser in the 1-1 draw against Bulgaria proved his maturity, as he latched on to a mistake by a defender to score.

Dahlin says: "I worked years to become a regular for Sweden. Now I will fight everyone who tries to take this shirt away from me."

Yes, it's the attitude that counts.

PENTTI HIETANEN

PRO-FILE

MARTIN DAHLIN

BORUSSIA MONCHENGLADBACH AND SWEDEN

Born: 16.4.1968.

Previous clubs: Lunds BK, Malmo FF.

First-team debut: March 1987, MFF v Saudi Arabia.

League debut: 1988.

International debut: 1988 v Brazil. Drew 1-1.

International caps: 24 (13 goals).

HONOURS
Swedish championship: 1988.

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AEK	6	4	2	0	10	1	14
Olympiakos	6	4	2	0	9	3	14
Aris	6	3	2	1	11	7	11
Panathinaikos	6	3	1	2	9	8	10
Apollon	5	3	1	1	7	7	10
Athinaikos	5	3	0	2	4	3	9
Levadiakos	6	3	0	3	5	10	9
PAOK	5	2	2	1	6	3	8
Xanthi	5	2	1	2	11	8	7
Larissa	6	2	1	3	6	11	7
OFI Crete	5	1	3	1	9	6	6
Kalamaria	5	2	0	3	8	9	6
Edessaikos	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Iraklis	5	1	2	2	5	6	5
Doxa Drama	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
Panachaiki	6	1	1	4	10	17	4
Panionios	5	1	0	4	7	9	3
Naoussa	6	1	0	5	10	15	3

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kocaelispor	5	4	0	1	9	6	12
Galatasaray	5	3	2	0	10	3	11
Fenerbahce	5	3	2	0	12	7	11
Genclerbirligi	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Gaziantepspor	5	2	2	1	10	5	8
Besiktas	5	2	2	1	8	5	8
Samsunspor	5	2	2	1	8	8	8
Trabzonspor	5	1	3	1	6	3	6
Ankaragucu	5	1	2	2	10	11	5
Zeytinburnuspor	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
Altay	5	1	1	3	5	7	4
Sariyer	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
Karsiyaka	5	1	1	3	1	5	4
Kayserispor	5	1	1	3	6	12	4
Bursaspor	5	0	3	2	3	7	3
DC Karabukspor	5	0	3	2	3	9	3

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ferencvaros	7	6	1	0	20	7	13
Debrecen VSC	7	6	1	0	15	7	13
Kispest-Honved	7	4	1	2	21	9	9
Bekescsaba	7	4	1	2	15	6	9
Vac	7	3	3	1	11	10	9
Raba ETO	7	3	2	2	12	9	8
Csepel-Kordax	7	3	2	2	12	15	8
Ujpesti TE	7	3	1	3	9	8	7
Videoton	7	1	3	3	9	9	5
Siofok	7	2	1	4	9	12	5
Vasas	7	2	1	4	9	13	5
Sopron	7	1	3	3	7	11	5
PMSC-Fordan	7	1	3	3	7	16	5
MTK	7	0	4	3	7	13	4
BVSC-Dreher	7	1	2	4	5	17	4
Haladas VSE	7	1	1	5	5	11	3

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lech Poznan	12	7	2	3	17	10	16
Gornik Zabrze	12	5	6	1	19	14	16
Ruch Chorzow	12	6	3	3	15	9	15
Pogon Szczecin	12	4	7	1	14	8	15
Warta Poznan	12	6	2	4	13	10	14
Hutnik Krakow	12	4	6	2	9	6	14
GKS Katowice	12	5	4	3	15	14	14
Legia Warsaw*	12	5	6	1	24	11	13
LKS Lodz*	12	6	3	3	16	11	12
Widzew Lodz	12	3	5	4	16	19	11
Zaglebie Lubin	12	4	3	5	13	17	11
Miliarder Pniewy	12	3	4	5	13	12	10
Stal Mielec	12	3	4	5	13	19	10
Siarka Tarnobrzeg	12	3	3	6	13	17	9
Z. Bydgoszcz	12	2	4	6	13	22	8
Wisla Krakow*	12	3	4	5	12	14	7
Stal Stalowa Wola	12	0	6	6	4	13	6
Polonia Warsaw	12	1	4	7	9	22	6

** 3 points deducted*

LUXEMBOURG

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avenir Beggen	5	4	0	1	18	5	8
CS Grevemacher	5	3	1	1	13	7	7
Jeunesse Esch	5	2	3	0	7	2	7
Union	5	3	0	2	6	8	6
F91 Dudelange	5	2	1	2	15	11	5
Aris Bonnevoie	5	1	3	1	7	7	5
Red Boys	5	2	1	2	7	14	5
CS Petange	5	1	2	2	13	9	4
Spora	5	1	0	4	5	18	2
Fola Esch	5	0	1	4	1	11	1

ROMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steaua Bucharest	6	5	1	0	11	0	11
Farul Constanta	7	5	1	1	11	4	11
Univ. Craiova	7	4	2	1	17	8	10
UT Arad	7	4	1	2	9	9	9
Gloria Bistrita	6	4	0	2	9	6	8
Inter Sibiu	7	3	2	2	9	8	8
Progresul	7	4	0	3	8	7	8
Sportul Studentesc	7	3	1	3	10	8	7
DU Braila	7	2	3	2	6	5	7
FC Brasov	7	2	2	3	6	4	6
Petrolul Ploiesti	6	2	2	2	4	7	6
Univ. Cluj	7	2	1	4	11	13	5
Rapid Bucharest	7	2	1	4	5	8	5
Dinamo Bucharest	6	2	1	3	5	9	5
Electro. Craiova	7	2	0	5	6	7	4
Otelul Galati	7	2	0	5	6	13	4
Ceahlault	7	1	2	4	4	12	4
Poli. Timisoara	7	2	0	5	7	16	4

ISRAEL

FOUR ROUNDS of domestic action ended with last season's champions, Betar Jerusalem, in the relegation zone.

Betar, tipped as one of the three favourites to contest this season's title, made only one significant move in the close-season transfer market, signing Russian full-back Sergei Kolotovkin from CSKA Moscow. They may live to regret not signing more.

In addition to three league defeats, they gave a poor showing against Lech Poznan in the first round of the Champions Cup, losing the first leg 3-0.

Maccabi Tel Aviv's new midfield signing, Cameroon international Cyril Makanaky, is showing real class.

He looked slightly overweight and short of match practice at the start, but his flair and skill helped Maccabi to start with four straight wins.

His life has been notable off the field, too. He escaped unscathed from a car accident, then had a weekly column for a national newspaper stopped by Maccabi coach Avraham Grant.

MARK RIVLIN

MALTA

Floriana record

CHAMPIONS Floriana kicked off the new season in fine form, setting a club record.

They beat Sliema 3-0 in their first League match and got through the preliminary round of the Champions Cup by ousting Lithuanians Ekranas 2-0 on aggregate.

This was Floriana's first qualification since they started taking part in such European competitions, and they became the fourth Maltese side to advance to a further round in European competitions.

In the first round Floriana kept Portugese giants FC Porto to a 2-0 margin in the away leg and forced a creditable 0-0 draw in the return.

In the UEFA Cup, Valletta took a shock lead in Turkey through a Joe Zarb goal, only for Trabzonspor to answer back with three goals in ten minutes. The second leg followed a similar route, with Trabzonspor again wining 3-1.

Hamrun Spartans began the League campaign with a 4-1 win against newcomers Zurrieq, with Stefan Sultana hitting a double.

Valletta beat St Andrew's 4-2 with a hat-trick from striker Joe Zarb, and Brian Talbot's official debut on the bench as Hibernian coach finished in a 1-1 draw against Rabat Ajax.

There were 25 foreign players at the start of the new season, including Birkirkara's Albanian midfielder Kastriot Peqini, signed from Elbasani, Rabat's two Yugoslavs, Desco Petrovic and Drasco Braunovic, and Hamrun's Italian keeper Alessandro Zeninelli.

DOMENICO AQUILINA

TURKEY

Besiktas deal goes wrong

THE CASE of the missing payment is a talking point in Turkey, and could lead to action by FIFA.

During the summer Besiktas signed a Peruvian international, Francesco Manaserro, from Defensor Lima.

The total involved was £418,000, with slightly less than half going to the player and the rest to the club.

Besiktas paid an agent who arranged the deal, but he apparently used forged papers purporting to authorise him to act on Defensor's behalf. The telephone and fax numbers were incorrect, so was the club president's name, and the signature was that of a man completely unknown to all Defensor officials.

Manaserro has received some of his signing-on fee, but Defensor have had nothing . . . and the agent is now believed to be in South Africa. Both clubs are trying to find him, and FIFA may be called in.

Not surprisingly, Manaserro showed poor form in the pre-season games and was left out of the opening League fixtures.

The other costly Besiktas signing, Argentinian Oswaldo Nartollo, has been out of luck, too. He was injured as the season began and is likely to be missing for two months.

Kocaelispor set the early pace, winning their first three matches by odd-goal margins. Fenerbahce, under new coach Holger Osiek, started with two wins and a draw despite the absence of internationals Tanju and Ridvan.

HASAN CEMALI

CYPRUS

THE reorganised Cyprus League began with many changes expected to effect the future of football on the island.

The 14 teams in the First Division will be reduced to 12 in two years, so at the end of this season three teams will be promoted.

The new League will start early in September, and this will help teams competing in Europe. Up to now they have not been fully ready, having so little match practice.

Another big change is the use of three foreign players, but this is expected to have negative effects.

The clubs cannot afford top imports and some have paid the price by dismissing players signed earlier.

Most of the newcomers are from the former Yugoslavia, including Slobodan Krcmarevic, formerly of Partizan, who now plays with Apollon, Vesko Mihajilovic from Vojvodina and Dragisa Binic from Red Star, who joined APOEL.

The title is likely to go to one of the following APOEL, Omonia, Apollon or Anorthosis.

LAKIS AVRAAMIDES

HUNGARY

Zsiboras tragedy

Goalkeeper dies at 35

HUNGARIAN football held its breath for a week in September, not on the result of Kispest-Honved against Manchester United, but something infinitely more important.

Gabor Zsiboras (right), the likeable 35-year-old MTK goalkeeper, had been recalled after six years by Jozsef Verebes, his former club manager, for the World Cup qualifying match, an academic affair, against Russia.

A week before the match, in a training game at Ulloi ut, home of his former club, Ferencvaros, Zsiboras was taken ill.

He fell into a coma and was transferred to the Budapest Sport Hospital but never recovered and died on the day before the game.

Zsiboras, leaves a widow and three children — triplets. He was born in Budapest on November 12, 1957, and went on to play 361 League games, 244 for Ferencvaros, and 117 for MTK.

His four international appearances were spread over eight years — one in 1979, two in 1983 and his last as a substitute in 1987.

His death numbed the players, all home-based, preparing for the international at the Ferencvaros ground. That they made a match of it despite a host of new faces said something for a renaissance of the Hungarian footballing spirit.

They equalised through an own goal in the 20th minute but Lajos Detari missed a late penalty before the Russians won 3-1.

Amid disquiet over the absence of foreign-based players and the presence of so many untried hopefuls, Verebes said that Hungarian League players would be the backbone of his team.

In the championship, Debrecen VSC, the promoted team from a city with religious fervour running through its history, dropped only one point in the first six rounds. A 3-1 win over Vasas followed a 5-1 thrashing for the latter of Ferencvaros, for whom Jozsef Gregor scored a hat-trick.

Gregor had been in the news earlier for a tackle on Kispest's Istvan Pisont in the Super Cup, leaving his opponent with a broken left leg.

BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

CZECH REPUBLIC

Old Fox still in the hunt

"OLD FOX" Vaclav Jezek's tactics, some Welsh failings and good finishing combined to keep the RCS in the World Cup hunt at Cardiff.

This was a cliff-hanger to the end, with Kuka unable to turn on a loose ball in Southall's goal area and Kouba making the save of the night in the last seconds.

Now the RCS have a hill to climb against Cyprus in their next tie, and a mountain to conquer in the last game, in Brussels.

Even two wins may not be enough and, sadly, Group 4 could be decided by goal difference and who scores the most against Cyprus at home.

Jezek seems to have hit on a successful combination since taking over his old job from Macala, and many fans wonder how the team would have done if he had been in charge from the beginning of the campaign.

Dusan Uhrin waits to take over as Czech national manager once the RCS World Cup run is over. Uhrin is currently scouting for Jezek.

Sparta, as expected, are setting the League pace. A 4-0 win over Vitkovice on the fifth day of the season put the champions top with maximum points and a healthy (plus 15) goal difference.

Siegl leads the scoring chart with five and will be a contender for a striking slot in the new international team, for which the Slovak Peter Dubovsky will no longer be available.

Surprisingly, Bohemians occupy the second spot. Four wins out of five and a draw is almost better than the Vrsovice "Greens" managed all last season, when only success in a play-off prevented relegation.

Attendances for the moment are better and Ostrava pulled in an encouraging 11,536 for Slavia's visit, though the locals were less keen on Bejbl and Penicka giving the visitors a 2-1 victory.

BOB VAUGHAN

POLAND

Strejlau bows out

ONE DEFEAT too many cost Polish national manager Andrzej Strejlau his job.

A depressing display at Wembley, where England won 3-0, was followed by a 1-0 reverse in Norway, leaving the Poles 99 per cent certain to miss qualification for the World Cup in the United States.

All had seemed so promising earlier on, with three wins and a draw from the first four fixtures.

After that things went rapidly downhill, with Strejlau's apparent reliance on defence rebounding against him because of uncharacteristic loose marking and individual errors.

Strejlau, who has not been in the best of health recently, said: "That"s eniough. It's time for somebody else to have a chance."

League matters have been remarkable even, with an unusually high number of drawn matches — seven out of nine on one recent weekend — and a mere seven points separating 16 of the 18 clubs.

Gornik Zabrze led after 11 games, with 15 points. Lech Poznan were second, one point further back, followed by six clubs on 13.

SLOVAKIA

THE TITLE race in the new Slovak League was led by Inter Bratislava. Twelve points from six starts is the Inter record, the latest win being a 4-0 thrashing of Presov, one of the top sides in the 12-strong League.

Of the others, only DAC Dunajska Streda appear to have a chance of taking the title with most of the sides from the former Second Division proving as weak as expected.

Slovan narrowly failed to make progress in the UEFA Cup, having wasted their big chance when Aston Villa drew 0-0 in the "Brick Field" Stadium. Enormous price increases and a mid-afternoon kick-off kept the crowd down to a miserable 10,886.

But for Spink's late save Villa might have had rather more to do in the return, and they did just enough, with Slovan's late rally from 2-0 down proving insufficient.

On the international front, manager-elect Jozef Venglos awaits the outcome of the World Cup matches with Cyprus and Belgium before his squad go in to action.

Slovakia's first international in peace-time is being discussed with the Greeks. The Slovak Association had hoped the United States would visit, but this seems unlikely now and other opponents are being sought.

ALBANIA

AN EXCELLENT display against Denmark was followed by a disaster against Spain, so Albania finished bottom of their World Cup group, for the fourth time in six attempts to qualify.

Four points from 12 games — a win over Lithuania and two draws with Latvia — were meagre reward for a squad who sometimes played surprisingly well.

Defeat by Denmark's lone goal was particularly cruel. Coach Bejkush Birce called on only three home-based players, and the side dominated so much that the Danes were grateful for some excellent saves by Schmeichel, after a seemingly obvious penalty had been refused. Then Rudi Vata hit the woodwork late on.

"That result wasn't real," said a dejected Birce later.

Sadly the Spanish affair was only too real. Albania were three down in half an hour, and Soko Kushta's goal was followed by two more for the visitors in the second half.

There was the usual depression over the European club results, with Partizan being knocked out of the Champions Cup by IA Akranes of Iceland, and Albpetrol, competing for the first time, losing to Balzers of Liechtenstein in the Cup-winners Cup.

GEZIM NUSHI

RUSSIA

SOVIET coaches used to be fired after major defeats, but the Communist authorities took time to pronounce their verdicts.

Now, in an unprecedented move, Moscow Dynamo's Valeri Gazzayev has announced his own resignation after his team's 6-0 thrashing by Eintracht Frankfurt in the UEFA Cup.

This was the worst home defeat for a Russian or Soviet team in the history of European soccer.

Gazzayev has been trying to build a team with the accent on attack but the defence is appalling.

Ironically, top defender Kakhaber Tskhadadze left last season . . . to join Eintracht.

Gazzayev's decision to quit followed that of Gennady Kostylev of CSKA, who blamed his troubles on his club's sensational win over Barcelona in last season's Champions Cup.

Several players celebrated so unwisely that Kostylev had to get rid of them, saying: "I wish we'd never won in Barcelona. Victory gave people an appetite for success that we could not meet, and started a never-ending feast among some players."

Moscow Spartak top this season's table, followed by Dynamo, Torpedo Moscow and Rotor Volograd.

VICTOR GUSEV

BULGARIA

A MONTH into the championship Levski led a revived Slavia on goal average.

More importantly, the champions enhanced their European Cup chances by beating Scottish champions Rangers 5-4 on aggregate with Todorov's last-minute goal.

Cup-winners CSKA had an easy 3-1 win in Liechtenstein against Balzers, who were pleased to concede only eight goals in Sofia.

The performances of the two Plovdiv clubs in the UEFA Cup were disappointing. Lokomotiv lost 2-0 twice to Lazio, and Botev crashed 5-1 in Athens.

There was another disappointment in the World Cup qualifying result at home to Sweden.

A win would have put the Bulgarians level with Sweden on 11 points and only two behind Fance.

Instead, they now need two wins and while Austria may be there for the taking in Sofia, the Swedes and French are unlikely to slip again.

UKRAINE

DYNAMO KIEV, struggling to maintain their place among Europe's elite, had little luck in the Champions Cup when they took on mighty Barcelona.

The turning point of the first leg, before a 60,000 crowd at the Republican Stadium, came with Dynamo leading through Shkapenko's sixth-minute goal,

Mizin appeared to block Stoichkov's shot with his chest, but the referee ruled that he handled deliberately. Koeman equalised from the penalty, and poor Mizin was sent off.

Barcelona had started like bears aroused from winter sleepliness, but Dynamo withstood their challenge. Even with ten men, the Kiev players battled for every metre, so much so that Barca lost their composure.

Leonenko restored Kiev's lead on the stroke of half-time with a penalty, and then increased it 11 minutes into the second half.

The return — before 100,000 fans at Nou Camp — was a classic. Laudrup and Bakero gave Barca the 2-0 lead they required after only 16 minutes, but a tremendous shot by Rebrov 12 minutes later put Kiev back in the driving seat.

Bakero scored his second to level the tie on aggregate, before Koeman settled matters with a superb free-kick after 67 minutes.

OLEG ZADERNOVSKY

ROMANIA

THE national team maintained interest in World Cup Group 4 by convincingly defeating the Faroe Islands for the second time.

Milan's Florin Raducioiu scored all four, to take Romania second with a plus 15t difference.

Belgium in Bucharest will be another proposition entirely.

The Belgians are all but there. Their goal difference is such that even narrow defeats home to RCS and in Bucharest would not stop them.

That, however, is no compensation for the Romanians, who must win twice to make sure of second spot.

League football has taken a back seat, with the "Old Firm" of Steaua and Dinamo almost certain to be first and second.

The railway club, Rapid, perhaps the most popular in the country, celebrate their 70th anniversary this year and are back in Europe for the first time in 16 seasons.

Not only that, Rapid drew Internazionale in the UEFA Cup and did remarkably well at San Siro. Andrasi's equaliser seven minutes after half-time takes little away from Berkamp's hat-trick but gave former national coach Mircea Radulescu's team an outside chance of causing an enormous upset.

That did not happen because Inter also won the second leg, 2-0, to take the tie on a 5-1 aggregate.

Unfortunately president Mircea Pascu could not meet demands for funds to improve the "railway stock" and Radulescu left to become Egyptian national manager.

Successor Marcel Puscas did not last long. Two defeats and Pascu had put him on his bike, signing Sorin Cirtu instead. The Waltz of the Managers seems unending!

BOB VAUGHAN

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Levski	7	6	1	0	16	4	19
CSKA	7	5	1	1	19	5	16
Slavia	7	5	1	1	9	4	16
Lokomotiv GO	7	3	3	1	12	10	12
Lok. Plovdiv	7	4	0	3	10	9	12
Shumen	7	3	2	2	15	10	11
Dobrudja	7	3	2	2	14	10	11
Etur	7	3	1	3	15	13	10
Lok. Sofia	7	3	1	3	7	7	10
Botev	7	2	3	2	8	9	9
Pirin	7	1	4	2	7	11	7
Cherno More	7	1	3	3	9	16	6
Chernomorets	7	1	2	4	11	13	5
Beroe	7	1	2	4	6	12	5
Yantra	7	1	0	6	5	16	3
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Hradec Kralove	7	1	0	6	3	12	2
Dukla Prague	7	0	1	6	7	23	1

RUSSIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moscow Spartak	27	17	9	1	67	15	43
Rotor	28	14	6	8	45	30	34
Torpedo	27	13	6	8	27	30	32
Moscow Dynamo	27	12	8	7	47	32	32
Tekstilshik	28	11	9	8	34	29	31
Lok. Moscow	27	11	8	8	35	24	30
Uralmash	28	13	3	12	42	45	29
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Znemchuzhina	28	8	10	10	40	46	26
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Rostelmash	27	7	8	12	28	41	22
Luch	26	7	7	12	22	37	21
Asmaral	27	7	5	15	19	36	19

SLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slovan Bratislava	7	6	1	0	16	5	13
Inter Bratislava	7	6	0	1	22	8	12
Dunajska Streda	7	5	1	2	16	7	9
FC Kosice	7	3	2	2	9	11	8
SK Zilina	7	2	3	2	10	9	7
Banik Prievidza	7	3	1	3	9	12	7
Spartak Trnava	7	2	2	3	8	10	6
Tatran Presov	7	2	2	3	9	11	6
Chemlon Humenne	7	1	3	3	9	11	5
FC Nitra	7	2	0	5	5	8	4
Lok. Kosice	7	1	2	4	4	16	4
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UKRAINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kiev Dynamo	8	7	1	0	17	7	15
Shakhtyor	8	5	2	1	13	6	12
Dnipro	8	5	1	2	11	6	11
Veres	8	4	2	2	11	4	10
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BY MIKE LANGLEY

Tactical changes as war draws closer

IF only Herbert Chapman had been able to swop jobs with Sir Frederick Wall, the progress of football might not have been flawed by Britain's cold-shouldering the first three World Cups.

FA secretary Wall invariably attended matches in a frock coat and top hat — and he treated foreigners as high-handedly as a colonial governor quelling restless fuzzy-wuzzies.

Here is Wall in 1928 telling FIFA of Britain's resignation in protest against broken-time payments to amateurs: *"The great majority of the associations affiliated with FIFA are of comparatively recent formation and, as a consequence, cannot have the knowledge which only experience can bring."*

Now here is Chapman, visionary manager of Arsenal and formerly Huddersfield Town, advocating floodlights, white balls, numbered shirts, goal-judges, full-time physios, savings plans for players, supporters' trains and independent time-keepers.

Hence the Clock End at Highbury where Chapman's 45-minute chronometer stood but never ticked. Sir Frederick and his council banned it!

Chapman the player was a stocky, well-travelled inside-forward, signed by six League clubs, including Tottenham, though a first-team regular only at Sheffield United in his native Yorkshire.

But Chapman the manager built teams who won hat-tricks of League championships for both Huddersfield and Arsenal — a record that has stood since 1935 and may well last for ever.

While England stood shocked by the 5-1 victory of Scotland's Wembley Wizards in 1928, Chapman was delving into the tactical reasons for five "Wee Blue Devils" (all under 5ft 7ins) running rings round big defenders.

He had succeeded at Huddersfield by exploiting the odd offside law of "fewer than THREE defenders between the attacker and goal" to the extent that only 101 goals were conceded in 137 matches.

In 1925 the law was changed to TWO defenders, whereupon Chapman invented the stopper centre-half, and paid £200 to Oswestry for strapping red-head Herbie Roberts.

He next found the counter to Scottish-style attacks by pondering this after-match comment from The Wizards' captain, Jimmy McMullan of Manchester City: "The English wing-halves, not their full-backs, marked our wingers. This is a common tactic in England, but it doesn't pay."

Chapman agreed. He pushed Arsenal's full-backs wide and used the wing-halves to flank a midfield creator at his peak — Alex James of the Wembley Wizards, signed from Preston for £9,000 and the bait of £5 a week in Selfridges sports department.

So Arsenal, years ahead of their time, played 3-3-4 and 3-4-3 with James, while the rest of Britain stuck to the antiquated 2-3-5 formation, blind to the significance of a South American team descending on Paris and Amsterdam (both on England's doorstep) and winning successive Olympic championships.

Shameful salute . . . Hapgood and his team before the kick-off in Berlin, 1938.

Uruguay — "Other countries have their history; we have our football" — were these double gold-medallists of 1924 and 1928. Indeed, Amsterdam underlined the changing balance of power by featuring two non-European finalists for the first time.

Uruguay 2 neighbouring Argentina 1 was the result — after an extra-time draw and a replay next morning. The Uruguayans beat them again, 4-2, two years later, in the first World Cup Final.

Hugo Meisl, secretary and team manager of Austria, already had launched an international club competition in 1927 — three years before Uruguay invited the world to Montevideo. Meisl enlisted two top teams — champions, runners-up or Cup-holders — from each of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia for his first Mitropa Cup, played home and away between August and November.

Sparta Prague won on a 7-3 aggregate against Rapid Vienna but the Austrian leg of their final was played in a hail of stones, fruit and bottles. The shape of things to come!

Mussolini's troops, as well as 1,500 policemen, raced to the 1932 semi-final in Turin and drove back Juventus fans intent on smashing a bloodthirsty way into Slavia Prague's dressing rooms. Both clubs were expelled.

So the Cup was awarded on a walkover to Bologna, victors of the other semi-final and the tournament's first Italian winners.

Searches for knives and pistols among the shiploads of fanatical "Victory or Death" Argentinians making the 120-mile crossing from Buenos Aires kept the 1930 World Cup Final free of violence — but, back in Argentina, police opened fire to scatter a mob stoning the Uruguayan consulate.

Key figures between the two World wars . . . FA secretary Sir Frederick Wall (left), Arsenal's visionary manager, Herbert Chapman (below), and his ace creator, Alex James (right).

Ordonez Park in central Montevideo became the site of a 100,000 capacity stadium, Centenario, and Uruguay covered all expenses of the teams — yet only France, Yugoslavia, Romania and Belgium represented Europe. Their hosts, using this first World Cup to mark 100 years of nationhood, felt slighted — particularly as their own players had sailed the Atlantic twice for the Olympics.

Uruguay conquered with a half-back line dubbed the "Iron Curtain" long before Stalin was a world name. Jose Andrade, Lorenzo Fernandez and Alvaro Gestido came straight from the 1928 Olympic team — as did the captain and centre-half Jose Nasazzi and ginger-topped striker Hector Scarone.

A sixth Olympian was Hector Castro, a centre-forward with a withered arm, who crashed the fourth

Global gains but England stay aloof

goal into the roof of Argentina's net, only seconds before time was blown by John Langenus, the Belgian referee in his trade-mark plus-fours.

England took little note. Hadn't their own team just the year before — and in the space of six days — trounced France 4-1 in Paris, Belgium 5-1 in Brussels and lost only 4-3 in Spain after a long rail journey to Madrid?

Italy won the next World Cup in Rome, 2-1 after extra time against Czechoslovakia. A few months later, they came to England for an infamous friendly — the Battle of Highbury.

England fielded seven Arsenal players, including centre-forward Ted Drake. Italy deployed a strolling centre-half, the gifted but often brutal Argentinian Luisito Monti — a player equal to all occasions except the surprise of Drake fouling him first.

"Deliberate! Deliberate!", Monti screamed while being gradually persuaded to go off with a broken toe, leaving Italy (no substitutes then) with 10 men hell-bent on retaliation.

England 3 Italy 2 was the final score but the imperishable memories are of right-back Eraldo Monzeglio half-strangling Drake for charging the goalkeeper; of captain Eddie Hapgood's nose being broken by an elbow while taking a throw-in, of England scoring their goals in the first 15 minutes and of left-half Wilf Copping, a terror as a tackler comparable with Nobby Stiles.

The Italians were no pansies, either. Seven England players needed treatment next day and the FA discussed the desirability of cancelling all matches against foreigners.

This stern measure was forgotten once English minds warmed with memories of beating Austria's Wunderteam 4-3 at Chelsea in 1932.

But England, although now with a future FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous as secretary, declined an invitation to replace Austria (annexed by Germany) in the 1938 World Cup, played in France and retained by Italy with a 4-2 victory over Hungary.

England, never having lost to Italy and with five consecutive wins over Hungary, took little notice.

After all, only a month earlier they had whipped Hitler's Germany — one of the World Cup field — 6-3 in Berlin after being ordered to give the Nazi salute to Herman Goering, the Fuehrer's corpulent henchman.

Hapgood, England's captain, blamed Rous for suggesting the salute while Sir Stanley blamed Britain's ambassador in Berlin, who said: "At audiences, I always salute Herr Hitler in this fashion."

Maybe, but not in front of 110,000 spectators!

Next year, at a 2-2 draw in Milan, Rous and the FA kowtowed again to dictatorship. They made England give the Fascist salute to each corner of the ground.

That was in May, 1939. Four months later, we were at war.

The international lights went out all over football, and stayed doused until the 1950 World Cup in Brazil.

Highbury hero . . . Ted Drake challenges goalkeeper Jack Brown of Sheffield Wednesday.

The 13 top men

MARTIN BUKOVI, centre-half and inspiration of the Ferencvaros side who won the 1928 Mitropa Cup and thrashed Rapid Vienna 7-1 in the Budapest leg of the final. Considered, at this time, the best half-back in Hungarian history.

MATHIAS SINDELAAR, so slender that fans called him Papierene (Sheet of Paper) yet the star of FK Austria and the Wunderteam, as the subtlest and highest-skilled Continental centre-forward between the wars. Created the first and scored the second of the three goals against England at Stamford Bridge in 1932.

Top scorer . . . Dean.

OLDRICH NEJEDLY, a Czech international only six weeks after being signed from minor football by Sparta Prague. Won 44 caps as a dazzling inside-left, scored twice against Germany in Rome to clinch a place in the 1934 World Cup Final — but was brutally kicked out of the 1938 finals by Brazil in Bordeaux.

GYORGY SAROSI, a Hungarian doctor of law who switched from centre-half to centre-forward and scored 42 goals in 66 internationals. Captain against Italy in the 1938 World Cup Final.

"PEPI" BICAN, explosive Rapid Vienna finisher who practised by shooting bottles off crossbars. Capped by the Czechs after fleeing from the Nazi annexation of Austria.

ALEX JAMES, of Arsenal and Scotland, couldn't shoot, head or sprint but with a sway, a dribble and a pass he opened up the goal routes nobody else had seen — and 40 years after his death in 1953 remains revered as one of the greatest inside-forwards.

CLIFF BASTIN, of Arsenal and England, a left winger who scored 33 goals in a season as James's partner. Won five League championships — and Austrian manager Hugo Meisl said in 1934: "If I had Bastin, we'd win the World Cup."

DIXIE DEAN, who scored 379 League goals for Tranmere, Everton and Notts County, plus 18 in his 16 England matches. His League record of 60 for Everton in 1927-28 looks safe for eternity. Team-mate Joe Mercer called Dean: "The best header evern."

LUISITO MONTI, an attacking Argentina and Italy centre-half known to crowds as "The Stroller", although the myriad opponents he kicked used a harsher name. Played for Argentina in the 1928 Olympic Final and in the 1930 World Cup Final, then moved to Juventus and won 18 Italian caps, including the 1934 World Cup.

LEONIDAS DA SILVA, the "Black Diamond" of Brazil and virtual inventor of the bicycle-kick which he brought spectacularly to Europe in the 1938 World Cup.

RAIMUNDO ORSI, another Argentinian selected by Italy. Flying left-winger with a swerving shot. Played for Argentina in the 1924 and 1928 Olympics before joining Torino and winning 35 Italian caps.

HECTOR SCARONE, Uruguayan inside forward known as El Magico and winner of a medals hat-trick in the 1924 and 1928 Olympics and 1930 World Cup. Coached Real Madrid after the war, then went home to sign for Nacional as a player, when 55!

GUILLERMO STABILE, scorer of the World Cup's first hat-trick — for Argentina against Mexico in 1930. The tournament's top scorer with eight goals.

The two top teams

URUGUAY — winners of the gold medal in Paris and Amsterdam when the Olympics was football's only global championship. They confirmed their standing by winning the 1930 World Cup with a close-passing team feeding five-goal Pedro Cea — and backed by a magnificent midfield featuring Jose Andrade, the world's first black star.

ITALY — World Cup winners in 1934 and 1938. Manager Vittorio Pozzo considered the '38 team superior. His stars were captain Giuseppe Meazza and the Player of the Tournament, centre-forward Silvio Piola, who scored twice against Hungary in the final and 30 times in 33 internationals. His last appearance was against England in 1952 when almost 39.

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THE GUARDIAN

ROY KEANE — a young man of immense talent with a ten-year potential — moved to Manchester from Nottingham Forest. We are told that, because of his admiration for his new club, he signed on for less than the £400,000 a year that he was offered by Blackburn Rovers.

If the story is true, good for him. But bad for football. Wages like that — combined with the cost of creating all-seater stadiums — are pushing the price of a match beyond the reach of low income families. And that is only part of the problem.

Dean Saunders of Aston Villa and Neil Ruddock of Liverpool do earn annual salaries of around £400,000.

Let us assume that this year one of those clubs actually win something. Then Messrs Saunders and Ruddock will receive bonuses that take their year's earnings to more than £1/2 million — not counting what they pick up on the side from sponsorships, internationals and celebrity apperacnes. They will gross more in a week than some of the fans who pay £7 at the turnstiles take home in a year. When things go wrong, do not expect those supporters to sing "You'll never walk alone".

The big clubs justify big wages by saying that, in a competitive sport, you must expect competition for the best players.

But what sort of competition is it that gives a built-in advantage to the rich and turns every race into a steeplechase with obstacles which can only be surmounted with money?

Everybody in football says that it is impossible to buy the championship of the Premier League or to purchase promotion from one of the lower divisions. Why then do managers spend these vast sums?

— by Labour MP Roy Hattersley.

AS SPORTS DAILY (Madrid)

THE Inland Revenue, via its investigation department, has decided, at last, to check whether corruption also reigns in Spanish football, many years behind the rest of Europe, where cases of parallel accounting or slush funds have been revealed in big French, Belgian and Italian clubs.

The Spanish taxman is now searching for evidence of dirty money at some of the country's most important clubs . . . they are checking players' real wages.

They are trying to confirm that some are paid in Swiss banks and they are verifying the legality of the account books.

The clubs under scrutiny are Real Madrid, Barcelona, Rayo Vallecano, Sporting Gijon, Valencia and Atletico Madrid.

Atletico's president, Jesus Gil, recognises that "it is widely known" that Spanish football "operates like that to pay a lot of people" and that it is a formula "patented and sanctioned by everybody".

In other countries the taxman has been merciless and many directors and club employees have ended up behind bars.

O PUBLICO (Lisbon)

GRAHAM TAYLOR is not a very popular manager in his country. He does not have a permanent strategy.

He works precariously. Today he revises what he had said yesterday. Tomorrow he will undo what he did beforehand.

Like the Prime Minister, Graham Taylor talks a lot, but he never says a thing.

ARE Manchester United still a football club? No. They sell shirts of all possible colours and designs at speculative prices.

Young people whose only passion in life is United, fall easily and part with the little pocket money their already worried parents, sometimes with difficulties, provide.

"This is business" say United directors, proudly. It may seem that it is, for the time being. But it is not.

What would people in Portugal think if they saw Sporting Lisbon in red, or Benfica in green or blue? There would be a revolution, certainly.

● DALLAS was one of the last World Cup '94 venues to sell its allotment of tickets for the early rounds, and now I know why. It's an oven.

When the sun goes down the weather actually becomes bearable, but I shudder to think what it will be like next summer when the World Cup comes and the games will be played at midday, making terrible conditions for players and spectators alike. — *SOCCER AMERICA.*

● SLOVAN is sure of its future for three years as aresult of the sale of Dubovsky to Real Madrid.

The proceeds will be spent on sporting matters and now it is time Slovan won in Europe.

We have the experience of the last two season's ties against Real Madrid and AC Milan and now it is up to my players.

— Team manager of Slovan, Dusan Galis, in FUTBAL, BRATISLAVA, the first illustrated monthly in Slovakia entirely devoted to soccer.

FK Austria manager Jozef Hickersberger before the European Cup First Leg in Trondheim. Austria lost 3-1.

"I am going with a good feeling but am aware of the warnings Fjortoft (Swindon) and Bratseth (Werder Brmeen) have given me. The opposition is within our compass but we must not be over-confident."

— "SPORTZEITUNG", Vienna.

SPORT ZURICH

THE Swiss transfer market reflects the recession afflicting the whole country. Hardly any clubs have ready cash and most are not in a position to buy new players outright.

In consequence, our First Division has turned itself into a league of borrowers. About 90 per cent of all transfers were conducted on a loan basis, or alternately players were exchanged.

The contracts are now quite difference to those of two years ago. Basic salaries are low, while bonuses will only be paid to those players who are outstanding and perform consistently.

The players too have recognised the seriousness of the situation.

They have had to compromise and knew it was pointless to ask for exaggerated wage increases. As a result the Swiss footballers earn 30-35 per cent less than in 1991.

Now every club have to tighten the belt and economise in every sphere. The professionals have also accepted that the days of the inflated pay packets are over.

Sadly what it means is that the best players will be leaving the country to join richer clubs abroad. By contrast, our league will be targeted by cheaper and less demanding — but also inferior — foreigners.

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Paval HAPAL 27.07.69
Marcus HAPPE 11.02.72
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Heiko SCHOLZ 07.01.66
Bernd SCHUSTER 22.12.59
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Mario TOLKMITT 30.10.70
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Bruno LABBADIA 08.02.66
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Stefan REUTER 16.10.66
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Uwe KAMPS 12.06.64
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Udo MAL 29.07.67
Defenders
Jorg BACH 20.11.65
Hans-Werner MOSER 24.09.65
Uwe NEUHAUS 26.11.59
Roger PRINZEN 04.03.69
Andrej SIDELNIKOV 27.02.58
Midfielders
Eduard BUCKMALER 09.06.66
Stefan EMMERLING 10.02.66
Thorsten FINK 29.10.67
Gunter HERMANN 05.12.60
Ivica JOZIC 22.07.69
Karel KULA 10.08.63
Stefan STUDER 30.01.64
Forwards
Ali IBRAHIM 01.09.69
Marek LESNIAK 29.02.64
Alexander LOBE 13.11.72
Souleyman SANE 26.02.61
Guido SILBERBACH 24.05.67
Uwe TSCHISKALE 09.07.62
Coach: Hannes Bongartz

WERDER BREMEN

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Hans-Jurgen GUNDELACH 29.11.63
Oliver RECK 27.02.65
Defenders
Dietmar BEIERSDORFER 16.11.63
Manfred BOCKENFELD 23.07.60
Ulrich BOROWKA 19.05.62
Rune BRATSETH 19.03.61
Gunnar SAUER 11.06.64
Midfielders
Mario BASLER 18.12.68
Dieter ELITS 13.12.64
Uwe HARTTGEN 06.07.64
Andreas HERZOG 10.09.68
Thorsten LEGET 07.11.68
Lers UNGER 30.09.72
Mirko VOTAVA 25.04.56
Thomas WOLTER 04.10.63
Forwards
Marco BODE 23.07.69
Bernd HOBSCH 07.05.68
Ari VAN LENT 31.08.70
Frank NEUBARTH 29.07.62
Wynton RUFER 29.12.62
Coach: Otto REHHAGEL

HOLLAND

AJAX

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Stanley MENZO 15.10.63
Edwin VAN DER SAR 29.10.70
Defenders
Danny BLIND 01.08.61
Frank DE BOER 15.05.70
Dick VAN BURIK 29.11.73
John HANSEN 11.07.66
Sonny SILOOY 31.08.63
Midfielders
Rob ALFLEN 07.05.68
John VAN DEN BROM 04.10.66
Edgar DAVIDS 13.03.73
Michel KREEK 16.01.71
Jari LITMANEN 20.02.71
Andre OOIJER 11.07.74
Tarik OULIDA 19.01.74
Frank RIJKAARD 30.09.62
Clarence SEEDORF 01.04.76
Forwards
Ronald DE BOER 15.05.70
George FINIDI 15.04.71
Donny HUYSEN 25.10.73
Patrick KLUIVERT 01.07.76
Marc OVERMARS 29.03.73
Dan PETERSEN 06.05.72
Stefan PETTERSSON 22.03.63
Ignacio TUHUTERU 23.08.73
Peter VAN VOSSEN 21.04.68
Clyde WIJNHARD 01.11.73
Coach: Louis VAN GAAL

CAMBUUR LEEUWARDEN

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Sierd VAN DER BERG 25.11.68
Fred GRIM 17.08.65
Defenders
Johan ABMA 05.05.69
Stanley BROUWER 23.09.69
Richard ELZINGA 27.07.69
Winne HAATRECHT 05.11.63
Tjeerd RIJPMA 10.04.70
Ben SPORK 19.02.68
Jaap STAM 17.07.72
Midfielders
Marcel KEIZER 15.01.69
Bert KONTERMAN 14.01.71
Jan VAN RAALTE 12.08.68
John ROOS 15.10.68
Harry SINKGRAVEN 21.01.66
Dick VEENSTRA 13.02.72
Forwards
Jan BRUIN 30.09.69
Jouke DANTUMA 11.01.66
Jack DE GIEB 06.08.68
Bart VAN DER MEULEN 24.06.70
Mark OOSTERHOF 21.11.71
Michel VAN OOSTRUM 22.08.66
Coach: Theo DE JONG

FEYENOORD

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Rob VAN DIJK 15.01.69
Ed DE GOEY 20.12.66
Mukweyanzo BULAYIMA 26.01.69
Defenders
Ulrich VAN GOBBEL 16.01.71
Ruud HEUS 24.02.61
John METGOD 27.02.58
Errol REFOS 19.03.72
Orlando TRUSTFULL 04.08.70
John DE WOLF 10.12.62
Midfielders
Peter BOSZ 21.11.63
Giovanni VAN BROCKHORST 05.02.75
Harvey ESAJAS 13.06.74
Henk FRASER 07.07.66
Dean GORRE 10.09.70
Rob MAAS 17.12.69
Arnold SCHOLTEN 05.12.62
Rob WITSCHGE 22.08.66
Forwards
Regi BLINKER 04.06.69
Annar GUNNLAUGSSON 06.03.73
Bjarki GUNNLAUGSSON 06.03.73
Jozsef KIPRICH 06.09.63
John VAN LOEN 04.02.65
Michael EDIRIN 24.09.68
Bob PETTA 06.08.74
Gaston TAUMENT 01.10.70
Coach: Wim JANSEN

GO AHEAD EAGLES

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Jan BOS 01.04.69
Frank ENDENIK 09.06.66
Defenders
Alphons ARTS 29.08.65
Niels CREUTZBURG 25.09.74
Dennis HULSHOFF 20.01.70
Cees MARBUS 14.12.68
Gijs STEINMANN 01.04.61
Midfielders
Jason VAN BLERK 16.03.68
Paul BOSVELT 26.03.70
Lloyd KAMMERON 22.11.71
Alfred KNIPPENBERG 27.08.69
Jan MICHELS 08.09.70
Marthijn POTHOVEN 16.09.69
Mark SCHENNING 18.10.70
Forwards
Harry BUISMAN 10.01.68
Marco HEERING 08.05.70
Berry HUIZING 05.01.75
Bas LEFERINK 17.09.74
Erwin LOOMS 19.11.73
Bas MARTRON 18.03.72
Edvin OVERMARS 02.12.70
Toine RORIJE 24.04.74
Coach: Henk TEN CATE

GRONINGEN

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Cor BAKKER 07.01.69
Patrick LODEWIJKS 21.02.67
Bas ROORDA 13.02.73
Defenders
Claus BOEKWEG 03.03.66
Grafton HOLBAND 25.02.65
Alex PUPER 18.08.73
Rick SLOR 16.05.71
Jan VEENHOF 28.01.69
Ulrich WILSON 05.05.64
Midfielders
Mart VAN DUREN 27.10.64
Joop GALL 25.12.63
Erik VAN KESSEL 28.02.66
Michael REIZIGER 03.05.73
Edwin OLDE RIEKERINK 18.08.61
Leroy OTTENHOF 24.10.74
Jos ROOSSIEN 16.11.60
Forwards
Arjan BLAAUW 08.01.74
Marian GLAD 22.09.69
Milko DJUROVSKI 26.02.63
Steven GONESH 30.01.74
Ronald HAMMING 09.01.73
Harris HUIZINGH 10.02.63
Patrick KRAAK 01.10.71
Coach: Theo VONK

HEERENVEEN

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Carlo L'AMI 20.07.66
Aldo SWAGER 01.09.65
Defenders
Michel OOESBURG 10.08.68
Rene GROEN 26.02.68
Geert HUITEMA 07.03.70
Edwin HUIZINGA 31.12.70
Arnold OOSTERVEER 01.03.63
Fertjan VERBEEK 01.08.62
Erin TEN VOORDE 14.06.68
Midfielders
Leeroy ECHTELD 30.09.68
Wilco HELLINGA 16.08.70
Maarten DE JONG 26.03.62
Jeffrey KOOISTRA 10.11.68
Marco ROELOFSEN 02.10.68
Gerrie SCHAAP 09.11.64
Jan DE VISSER 01.10.68
Forwards
Tony ALBERDA 23.03.74
Dirk BIJL 22.03.72
Pieter KEUR 20.12.60
Eric REGTOP 16.12.68
Erik TAMMER 29.06.69
Bert ZUURMAN 16.03.73
Coach: Foppe DE HAAN

MVV MAASTRICHT

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Jan VAN GRINSVEN 27.02.60
Peter HEFFELS 26.11.68
Defenders
Jeffrey VAN AS 09.04.72
Raymond BEERENS 14.02.72
Armand BENNEKER 25.06.69
Rob DELAHAYE 24.04.59
Michael GEYSELAERS 08.09.73
Hans LINDERS 28.07.62
Reginald THAL 07.02.65
Midfielders
Frank DIKSTAAL 12.12.69
Stijn HAELDERMANS 22.04.75
Maurice HOFMAN 19.01.71
Yvo JOORDENS 10.09.68
Roberto LANCKOHR 06.08.69
Raymond LIBREGTS 25.12.64
Erik MAES 02.05.72
Roger REIJNERS 10.02.64
Mark VERHOEVEN 14.10.69
Hans Visser 17.12.66
Forwards
Roger HARTGERINK 21.01.72
Roger KNARREN 23.06.70
Richard ROELOFSEN 13.07.69
Twan SCHEEPERS 08.11.71
Coach: Sef VERGOOSSEN

NAC BREDA

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Olaf FILIUS 20.12.73
John KARELSE 17.05.70
Defenders
Jacques KOUMANS 23.04.66
Marco SAS 16.02.71
John SMIT 14.09.67
Fabian WILNIS 23.08.70
Romeo ZONDERVAN 03.03.59
Midfielders
Ton VAN BREMEN 02.03.68
Ruud BROOD 19.10.62
Geert BRUSSELERS 06.01.71
Francoi GESTHUIZEN 18.09.72
Ton LOKHOFF 25.12.59
Peter REMIE 13.09.64
Kris VOETEN 02.01.72
Forwards
Emiel DORST 25.12.70
Dennis GERRITSEN 29.06.71
Pierre VAN HOOIJDONK 29.11.69
Peter KETTING 02.01.70
John LAMMERS 11.12.63
Paul LIEFTINK 05.03.73
Yureck PERSOON 27.11.72
Michel SMITS 11.06.72
Coach: Ron SPELBOS

PSV EINDHOVEN

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Hans VAN BREUKELEN 04.10.56
Wim DE RON 23.08.69
Defenders
Berry VAN AERLE 08.12.62
Ernest FABER 27.08.71
Mitchell VAN DER GAAG 22.10.71
Jan HEINTZE 17.08.63
Erwin KOEMAN 20.09.61
Gheorghe POPESCU 09.10.67
Adri VAN TIGGELEN 16.06.57
Midfielders
Klas INGESSON 20.08.68
Rene KLOMP 16.08.74
Edward LINSKENS 06.11.68
Tom VAN MOL 12.10.72
Arthur NUMAN 14.12.69
Forwards
Edwin VAN ANKEREN 13.08.68
Kalusha BWALYA 16.08.63
Juul ELLERMAN 07.10.65
Peter HOEKSTRA 04.04.73
Wim KIEFT 12.11.62
Erik MEIJER 02.08.69
Coach: Aad DE MOS

RKC WAALWIJK

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Herman TEEUWEN 11.08.58
Hans VONK 30.01.70
Defenders
Evert-Jan EIKENHOUT 04.03.71
Ramon VAN HAAREN 16.09.72
Jos VAN HERPEN 28.04.62
Leon HUTTEN 30.09.62
Paul NORTAN 01.12.63
Jacky VERBEEK 11.01.75
Hans WERDEKKER 30.09.59
Midfielders
Rome VAN AERDE 21.09.67
Marcel BRANDS 16.03.62
Marco VAN BROEKHOVEN 13.11.69
Andre HOEKSTRA 05.04.62
Alfred SCHREUDER 02.11.72
Jeffrey VAN DER STEEN 15.12.74
Marcel VALK 18.04.67
Forwards
Marco BOOGERS 12.01.67
Harry DECHEIVER 08.03.70
Patrick PEELEN 23.01.68
Rene VAN RIJSWIJK 03.01.71
Jurgen STREPPEL 25.06.69
Coach: Hans VEREL

RODA JC KERKRADE

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Anton SCHEUTJENS 01.05.68
Ronald WATTERREUS 25.08.70
Defenders
Michel BROEDERS 18.12.67
Arno DOOMERNIK 14.08.70
Arkadiusz KALISZAN 13.11.72
Marc LUIJPERS 05.10.70
David NASCIMENTO 16.03.66
Gerrie SENDEN 09.07.71
Rene TROST 31.01.65
Midfielders
Marco VAN HOOGDALEM 23.05.72
Cedric IHALAUW 11.12.71
Eric VAN LUER 16.08.65
Bernd ROMERO 02.11.69
Erwin VANDERBROECK 21.03.68
Forwards
Wilson OGECHUKWU AJAH 20.03.72
Tijani BABANGIDA 25.09.73
Dirk JAN DERKSEN 17.06.72
Barry VAN GALEN 04.04.70
Michel HAAN 02.04.67
Peter HOFSTEDE 28.01.67
Max HUIBERTS 17.11.70
Rick PLUM 12.06.73
Coach: Huub STEVENS

SPARTA ROTTERDAM

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Frank KOOIMAN 13.01.70
Edward METGOD 19.12.59
Rodfney VAN OOIJEN 13.06.71
Defenders
Dennis DE BRUIN 29.08.71
Wim BUBBERMAN 30.10.70
Jose VAN ECK 02.05.63
Patrick VAN LEEUWEN 08.08.69
Gerard DE NOOIJER 04.04.69
Mike SNOEI 04.12.63
John VELDMAN 24.02.68
Midfielders
Ron VAN DEN BERG 15.08.60
Nico JALINK 22.06.64
Arjan VAN DER LAAN 10.11.69
Gerald SANDEL 10.12.63
Michel VALKE 24.08.59
Rene VAN DER VEGT 02.12.72
Forwards
Winston BOGARDE 22.10.70
Carlos FORTES 27.04.74
Elden DE GETROUWE 11.02.72
Dennis KRIJGSMAN 21.07.72
Dennis DE NOOIJER 04.04.69
Adilson DOS SANTOS 15.05.74
Jerry SMITH 16.08.72
Coach: Han BERGER

TWENTE ENSCHEDE

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Sander BOSCHKER 20.10.70
Hans DE KONING 05.04.60
Defenders
Wilfried ELZINGA 11.08.69
Erwin HILGERINK 16.01.72
Nico JAN HOOGMA 26.10.68
Andre KARNEBEEK 01.03.71
Daniel NIJHOF 15.01.73
Andre PAUS 09.10.65
Joost VOLMER 07.03.74
Clemens ZWIJNENBERG 18.05.70
Midfielders
Arno ARTS 26.06.69
Jan GAASBEEK 04.12.62
Erik TEN HAG 02.02.70
Jan VAN HALST 20.04.69
Gilbert VAN DER HEUVEL 17.09.74
Ruud KOOL 01.11.66
Karawine SCHRIJVER 04.08.75
Forwards
Erwin LEURINK 29.08.72
Michel MOLS 17.12.70
Boudewijn PAHLPLATZ 15.12.71
Rick PLATVOET 06.08.75
Prince POLLEY 05.04.69
Edwin VURENS 06.06.68
Coach: Rob BAAN

FC UTRECHT

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Jan-Willem VAN EDE 13.04.63
Rene PONK 21.10.71
Defenders
Bert AIPASSA 07.12.69
Johan DE KOCK 25.10.64
Erik VAN DER MEER 07.07.67
Robert ROEST 30.10.69
Fery VIERKLAU 01.04.73
Midfielders
Patrick VAN DIEMEN 12.06.72
Raymond GRAANOOGST 19.02.75
Patrick HONDEVELD 17.01.72
Marcel VAN DER NET 24.12.64
Jan OOSTERHUIS 30.09.63
Ab PLUGBOER 26.03.64
Eric SMIT 27.09.71
Robert WIJNANDS 20.11.71
Forwards
Willem VAN DER ARK 13.11.63
Suvat KARADAG 30.10.70
Etienne KELDERS 07.10.66
Edwin DE KRUYFF 30.01.70
Wlodzimierz SMOLAREK 16.07.57
Coach: Ab FAFIE

VITESSE ARNHEM

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Raimond VAN DER GOUW 24.03.63
Abe KNOOP 28.08.63
Defenders
Theo BOS 05.10.65
Erwin VAN DE LOOI 25.02.72
Roberto STRAAL 19.12.66
Edward STURING 13.06.63
Arjan VERMEULEN 19.03.69
Midfielders
Phillip COCU 29.10.70
Rene EIJER 01.01.63
Ben IROHA 29.11.69
Martin LAAMERS 02.08.67
Forwards
Hans GILLHAUS 05.11.63
Glenn HELDER 28.10.68
Willem KORSTEN 21.01.75
Bart LATUHERU 08.11.65
Huub LOEFFEN 11.01.72
Roy MACKAAY 09.03.75
Patrick POTHUIZEN 15.05.72
Coach: Herbert NEUMANN

FC VOLENDAM

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Edwin VAN HOLTEN 04.03.71
Edwin COETEBIER 07.05.70
Defenders
Rene BINKEN 06.01.70
Mike FERRIER 27.01.76
Pascal JONGSMA 05.10.68
Martin KOORN 31.03.67
Robert MOLENAAR 27.02.69
Danny DEN OUDEN 29.09.70
Tom SIER 01.01.70
Guus UHLENBEEK 20.08.70
Midfielders
Hans BOND 05.03.74
Alex PASTOOR 26.10.66
Johan STEUR 23.03.62
Andre WASIMAN 11.04.62
Forwards
Peter BUTER 08.08.68
Fabian DE FREITAS 28.07.72
Michel HOLTERMAN 15.10.69
Rene PETIET 04.11.70
Miroslav STEFANOVIC 20.04.67
Jorg SMEETS 05.11.70
Ivan VUKOV 02.02.70
Coach: Fritz KORBACH

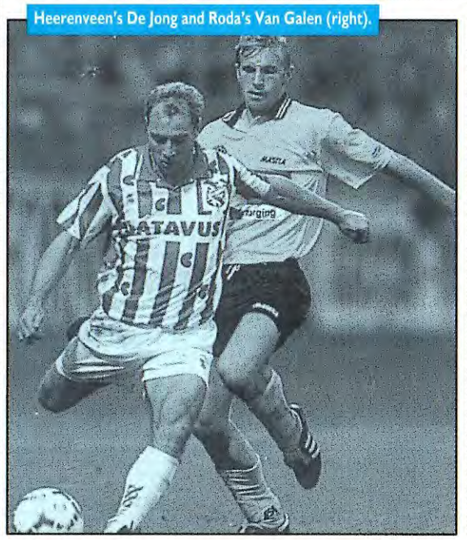
VVV VENLO

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
John ROOX 28.02.61
Jos SMITS 04.07.55
Defenders
Harold DERIX 17.04.70
Saeed JANFADA 21.03.64
Roger POLMAN 28.12.67
Jos RUTTEN 11.11.62
Eric TEEUWEN 06.04.72
Juno VERBERNE 14.09.68
Midfielders
Geert BRAEM 15.03.70
Jay DRIESSEN 04.08.69
Pieter VAN LEENDERS 10.12.66
Nico VAN DER MEER 08.02.72
Mart MINTEN 05.07.61
Werner SMITS 26.04.71
Bert SPEE 14.09.66
Forwards
Maurice GRAEF 22.08.69
Carlos HASSELBAINK 13.12.68
Marcel VAN'T HEK 11.05.73
Louis LAROS 07.03.73
Art PEETERS 09.07.70
Remco TORKEN 03.01.72
Coach: Frans KORVER

WILLEM II TILBURG

Goalkeepers — ***Birth date***
Bart GRIEMINK 29.03.72
Roland JANSEN 24.09.67
Defenders
Adrie BOGERS 04.05.65
Arno HOFSTEDE 03.07.65
Mark LATUPEIRISSA 13.09.70
Leon MEIJS 23.09.64
Dave SMITS 07.08.69
Bert VERHAGEN 08.11.66
Midfielders
Jeroen DEN BOER 11.03.73
John FESKENS 03.11.65
Jean Paul VAN GASTEL 28.04.72
Martin VAN GEEL 27.11.60
Marc VAN HINTUM 22.06.67
Forwards
Yassine ABDELLAOUI 21.06.75
Hans VAN ARUM 23.12.66
Nabil BOUCHLAL 02.08.74
Bienvenu MUSENGA 10.07.75
Ernest STEWART 28.03.69
Sekou SOUMAH 18.08.74
Mohamed SYKLLA 22.02.71
HansVINCENT 24.02.62
Coach: Jan REKER

Heerenveen's De Jong and Roda's Van Galen (right).



EURO SQUADS

FRANCE

ANGERS
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Jean Marie AUBRY 03.04.69
Ulrich RAME 19.09.72
Defenders
Christophe GALTIER 23.08.66
Christophe GEHRA 28.01.69
David GUION 30.09.67
Philippe LEVENARD 06.02.65
Eric PEAN 10.09.63
Philippe RABOUAN 11.11.69
Frederic ZAGO 08.12.63
Midfielders
Mustapha EL HADAOUI 28.07.62
Bruno GERMAIN 28.04.60
Stephane MOTTIN 16.08.66
Thierry OLEKSIAK 11.09.61
Guillaume REY 01.02.72
Eric STEFANINI 16.04.63
Forwards
Cedric DAURY 19.10.69
Jean-Marc DISCOLLE 21.08.70
Christophe LAGRANGE 24.10.66
Guillaume MASSON 16.02.69
Jose Carlos RODRIGUEZ ..23.10.72
Coach: Herve GAUTHIER

AUXERRE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Lionel CHARBONNIER 25.10.66
Bruno MARTINI 25.01.62
Defenders
Laurent CIECHELSKI 04.06.71
Alain GOMA 05.10.72
Stephane MAHE 23.09.68
Franck RABARIVONY 15.11.70
Christophe REMY 06.08.71
Franck SILVESTRE 05.04.67
Franck VERLAAT 05.03.68
Midfielders
Raphael GUERREIRO 24.04.68
Christian HENNA 10.03.72
Yann LACHUER 05.08.72
Corentin MARTINS 11.07.69
Moussa SAIB 06.03.69
Philippe VIOLEAU 19.08.70
Forwards
Gerald BATICLE 10.09.69
Christophe COCARD 23.11.67
Thomas DENIAUD 31.08.71
Bernard DIOMEDE 23.01.74
Lilian LASLANDES 04.09.71
Pascal VAHIRUA 09.03.66
Franco VIGNOLA 15.09.66
Coach: Guy ROUX

BORDEAUX
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Gaetan HUARD 12.01.62
Lionel PEREZ 24.04.67
Defenders
Laurent CROCI 08.12.64
Jean-Luc DOGON 13.10.67
Marcio DOS SANTOS 15.09.69
Eric GUERIT 21.07.64
Bixente LIZARAZU 09.12.69
Didier SENAC 02.10.58
Christophe VECCHIONI 15.02.69
Midfielders
Jean-Francois DANIEL 14.06.64
Marcel DIB 10.08.60
Philippe LUCAS 01.11.63
Stephane PLANCQUE 06.01.61
Philippe VERCRUYSSE 28.01.62
Richard WITSCHGE 20.09.69
Forwards
Christophe DUGARRY 24.03.72
Youssouf FOFANA 26.07.66
Stephane PAILLE 27.06.65
Celsio VALDEIR 31.12.67
Zinedine ZIDANE 23.06.72
Coach: Rolland COURBIS

CAEN
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Richard DUTRUEL 21.12.72
Philippe MONTANIER 15.11.64
Frederic PETEREYNS 08.1269
Defenders
Hippolyte DANGBETO 02.09.69
Christophe DUBOSCQ 15.01.67
Joel GERMAIN 01.12.64
Yvan LEBOURGEOIS 26.10.62
Stephane LIEVRE 03.10.72
Christophe POINT 26.05.65
Celio SILVA 20.05.68
Midfielders
Benoit CAUET 02.05.69
Stephane DEDEBANT 17.10.70
Wally DIENG 17.11.74
Willy GORTER 06.07.63
Lilian NALIS 29.09.71
Emmanuel RIVAL 15.02.71
Forwards
Nicolas HUYSMAN 09.02.68
Pascal NOUMA 06.01.72
Jacques REMY 03.03.72
Patrick REVELLES 20.09.68
Faouzi ROUISSI 20.03.71
Ronan SALAUN 29.01.69
Coach: Daniel JEANDUPEUX

CANNES
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Michel DUSSUYER 28.05.59
Francois LEMASSON 15.11.63
Defenders
William AYACHE 10.01.61
Gilles HAMPARETZOUMIAN ..20.05.69
Adick KOOT 16.08.63
J-Christophe MARQUET 27.04.74
Gabor MARTON 15.10.66
LUdovic POLLET 18.06.70
Philippe RASCHKE 19.09.67
Midfielders
Bertrand BURNIER 07.02.68
Jean-Michel CAPOUE 18.09.72
Franck DURIX 20.10.65
Kader FERHAOUI 19.03.65
Patrice LESTAGE 07.10.61
Johan MICOUD 24.07.73
Forwards
Tal BANIN 07.03.71
Nicolas BASTERE 19.09.69
Pascal BEDROSSIAN 28.11.74
Fabrice GRONDIN 29.05.73
Micahel MADAR 08.05.68
Franck PRIOU 17.10.63
Patrick SAUVAGET 24.06.66
Coach: Luis FERNANDEZ

LE HAVRE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Fabien PIEVETEAU 28.10.63
Christophe REVAULT 22.03.72
Defenders
Pierre ALBAMEYANG 29.07.65
Ibrahima BA 12.11.73
Jean-Pierre DELAUNAY 17.01.66
Geza MESZOLY 25.02.67
Bernard PASCUAL 10.05.67
Thierry UVENARD 24.03.64
Midfielders
Teddy BERTIN 06.08.69
Vikash DHORASOO 10.10.73
Andre KANA-BIYIK 01.09.65
Eric LESTRADE 11.01.69
Thierry MOREAU 17.01.67
Michel RIO 07.03.63
Forwards
Didier ANGIBEAUD 08.10.74
Jean-Luc COURTET 09.04.68
Guia GOUROULI 20.05.64
Jean-Roch TESTA 27.07.64
Joel TIEHI 12.06.64
Coach: Guy DAVID

LENS
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Pegguy ARPHEXAD 18.05.73
Franck RAVIOT 12.07.73
Guillaume WARMUZ 22.05.70
Defenders
J-Marc ADJOVI-BOCO 22.12.63
Frederic BEHU 24.10.72
Didier DUBOIS 11.04.67
Paul LEROY 12.02.70
Cyrille MAGNIER 24.08.69
Eric SIKORA 04.02.68
Jean-Guy WALLEMME 10.08.67
Midfielders
Herve ARSENE 30.10.63
Leandre CHOUYA 16.08.72
Wagneau ELOI 11.09.73
Bernard HERESON 08.01.69
Pierre LAIGLE 12.09.70
Patrice MARQUET 23.10.66
Jean-Francoi PERON 11.10.65
Forwards
Roger BOI 26.09.65
Valeriano DE OLIVEIRA 05.08.74
Frederic MEYRIEU 09.02.68
Francois OMAM-BIYIK 21.05.66
Robby SLATER 22.11.64
Coach: Patrice BERGUES

LILLE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Jean-Pierre LAURICELLA ..04.02.85
David MIALON 12.01.71
Jean-Claude NADON 21.11.64
Defenders
Thierry BONALAIR 14.06.66
Jean-Luc BUISINE 05.10.61
Eric DECROIX 07.03.69
Ourmar DIENG 30.12.72
Frederic DINDELEUX 16.01.74
Joel DOLIGNON 20.08.72
Fabien LECLERCQ 19.10.72
Herve ROLLAIN 24.02.68
Midfielders
Edgar BORGES 14.07.69
Kopse BRAY 23.12.64
Claude FICHAUX 24.03.69
Per FRANDSEN 06.02.70
Jacob FRIIS HANSEN 24.07.67
Antoine SIBIERSKI 05.08.74
Forwards
Kenneth ANDERSSON 06.10.67
Eric ASSADOURIAN 24.09.66
Jean-Jacques ETAME 23.11.66
Clement GARCIA 26.06.68
Walquin MOTA 10.08.67

LYON
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Christophe BRETON 21.05.66
Pascal OLMETA 07.04.61
Defenders
Manuel AMOROS 01.02.62
Alexandre BES 10.04.67
Romarin BILLONG 11.06.70
Maxence FLACHEZ 05.08.72
Jean-Marc MOULLIN 27.11.73
Bruno NGOTTY 10.06.71
Midfielders
Laurent DEBROSSE 01.10.69
Sylvain DEPLACE 04.01.72
Alfonso FERNANDEZ-LEAL ...20.04.63
Franck GAVA 03.02.70
Abedi PELE 05.11.64
Stephane ROCHE 25.09.70
Eric ROY 26.09.67
Forwards
Samassi ABOU 04.04.73
Pierre CHAVRONDIER 26.08.71
James DEBBAH 15.12.67
Laurent DELAMONTAGNE 09.10.65
Torben FRANK 16.06.68
Florian MAURICE 20.01.74
Cl.-Arnaud RIVENET 13.12.72
Coach: Jean TIGANA

MARSEILLE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Fabien BARTHEZ 31.08.63
Gilles ROUSSET 22.08.63
Defenders
Jocelyn ANGLOMA 07.08.65
Alain BOGHOSSIAN 27.10.70
Basile BOLI 02.01.67
Bernard CASONI 04.09.71
Marcel DESAILLY 07.09.68
Eric DI MECO 07.09.63
Pascal FUGIER 22.09.68
William PRUNIER 14.08.67
Midfielders
Didier DESCHAMPS 15.10.68
Jean-Philippe DURAND 11.11.60
Daniel DUTUEL 10.12.67
Fabrice HENRY 13.02.68
J-Christophe THOMAS 16.10.64
Forwards
Alen BOKSIC 21.01.70
Paulo FUTRE 28.02.66
Soares-Gil RUI BARROS 24.11.65
Dragan STOJKOVIC 03.03.65
Rudi VOLLER 13.04.60
Coach: Marc BOURRIER

MARTIGUES
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Stephane CHARASSE 03.06.69
Eric DURAND 13.08.65
Defenders
Guillaume BOUISSET 07.01.73
Henri-Claude FERBLANTIER ..17.11.70
Stephane MAZZOLINI 28.11.66
David MAZZONCINI 16.10.72
Jean-Paul PERONIN 04.12.70
Giles PETRUCCI 04.12.68
Stephane POUNEWATCHY 10.02.68
Thierry RABAT 30.05.62
Midfielders
Philippe ANZIANI 21.09.61
Ali BENARBIA 08.10.68
Joel BOSSIS 20.05.65
Maurice BOUQUET 25.03.63
Christophe CHAINTREUIL ..04.05.64
Jan-Claude PAGAL 15.09.64
Cyril STORERO 23.01.73
Forwards
Mambo ASSO 01.01.74
Patrick COLLOT 22.06.67
Sylver HOFFER 27.07.67
Haja RALAIKERA 16.08.65
Didier THOLOT 02.04.64
Coach: Chrstian SARRAMAGNA

METZ
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Philippe FLUCKLINGER 24.05.63
Thomas KOKKINIS 08.08.71
Jacques SONGO'O 17.03.64
Defenders
Anthony BAFFOE 25.05.65
Eric BERTRAND 30.03.64
Albert CARTIER 22.11.60
Philippe GAILLOT 28.02.65
Didier LANG 15.12.70
Franck MEYRIGNAC 27.09.70
Pascal PIERRE 28.05.68
David TERRIER 04.08.73
Midfielders
Christophe BOULARD 23.09.72
Emmanuel CLEMENT 15.10.71
Patrice EYRAUD 12.12.67
Oliver ICHOUA 03.10.70
Lubos KUBIK 20.01.64
Jean-Philippe SECHET 15.07.65
Cyril SERREDSZUM 02.10.71
Forwards
Philippe CHANLOT 08.10.67
Samba NDIAYE 30.11.72
Robert PIERRE 29.10.73
David ZITELLI 30.10.68
Coach: Joe MULLER

MONACO
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Marc DELAROCHE 18.04.71
Jean-Luc ETTORI 29.07.55
Defenders
PATRICK BLONDEAU 27.01.68
Franck DUMAS 01.09.68
Gilles GRIMANDI 11.11.70
Erwan MANACH 02.10.71
Emmanuel PETIT 22.09.70
Luc SONOR 15.09.72
Lilian THURAM 01.01.72
Patrick VALERY 03.07.69
Midfielders
Youri DJORKAEFF 09.03.68
Jerome GNAKO 17.02.68
Christian PEREZ 13.05.63
Claude PUEL 02.02.61
Vincenzo SCIFO 19.02.66
Laurent VIAUD 08.10.69
Forwards
Cyril GRANON 21.02.72
Luis HENRIQUE 20.08.68
Victor IKPEBA NOSA 12.06.73
Jurgen KLINSMANN 30.07.64
Amara SIMBA 23.12.61
Coach: Arsene WENGER

MONTPELLIER
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Claude BARRABE 19.11.66
Jerome SYKORA 16.04.71
Defenders
Bruno ALICARTE 18.01.71
Serge BLANC 22.10.72
Jerome BONNISSEL 16.04.73
Bruno CAROTTI 30.09.72
Michel DER ZAKARIAN 18.02.63
Thierry LAUREY 17.02.64
Bertrand REUZEAU 01.04.66
Jean-Manuel THETIS 05.11.71
Midfielders
Aliocha ASANOVIC 14.12.65
Joel FRECHET 27.10.65
Mamadou KANE 07.05.73
Fabien LEFEVRE 14.01.71
Philippe PERILLEUX 16.09.63
Franck RIZZETTO 29.03.71
Forwards
Fabrice DIVERT 02.09.67
Laurent DJAFFO 05.11.70
Christophe SANCHEZ 04.10.72
Coach: Gerard GILI

NANTES
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Jan-Louis GARCIA 20.09.62
David MARRAUD 03.08.64
Defenders
Eddy CAPRON 15.01.71
Laurent GUYOT 17.12.69
Christan KAREMBEU 03.12.70
Serge LE DIZET 27.06.64
Stephane MOREAU 01.01.71
Noureddine NAYBET 10.02.70
Christophe PIGNOL 15.10.69
Midfielders
Fabien DEBOTTE 16.11.63
Jean-Michel FERRI 07.02.69
Claude MAKELELE 18.02.73
Stephane ZIANI 09.12.72
Forwards
Jean-Louis LIMA 26.08.67
Patrice LOKO 06.02.70
Anthony MARTINS 10.05.71
Japhet NDORAM 27.02.66
Nicolas OUEDEC 28.10.71
Reynald PEDROS 10.10.71
Sanson SIASIA 14.08.67
Coach: Jean-Claude SUADEAU

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Luc BORRELLI 02.07.65
Bernard LAMA 07.04.63
Defenders
Jose COBOS 23.04.68
Patrick COLLETER 06.11.65
Antoine KOMBOUARE 16.11.63
Francis LLACER 09.09.71
Raimundo RICARDO GOMES 13.12.64
Alain ROCHE 14.10.67

Paris SG striker David Ginola.

Jean-Luc SASSUS 04.10.62
Midfielders
Laurent FOURNIER 14.09.64
Vincent GUERIN 22.11.65
Paul LE GUEN 01.03.64
V. de Oliveira RAI SOUZA ..15.05.65
Pierre REYNAUD 09.01.68
Cand.Filho VALDO 12.01.64
Forwards
Daniel BRAVO 09.02.63
Francois CALDERARO 15.06.64
David GINOLA 25.01.67
Xavier GRAVELAINE 05.10.68
George WEAH 01.10.66
Coach: Artur JORGE 13.02.46

SAINT-ETIENNE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Joseph-Antoine BELL 08.10.54
Robin HUC 20.03.65
Defenders
Laurent BLANC 19.11.65
Philippe CUERVO 13.08.69
Jean-Pierre CYPRIEN 12.02.69
Christophe DEGUERVILLE.17.06.70
Salem HAMHECHE 24.07.72
Sylvain KASTENDEUCH 31.08.63
Patrick MOREAU 03.11.73
Jean-Phillipe PRIMARD 20.12.62
Midfielders
Jean-Phillipe DELPECH 01.09.67
Pascal DESPEYROUX 17.11.65
Lubomir MORAVCIK 22.06.65
Olivier PANTALONI 13.12.66
Gerald PASSI 21.01.64
Piotr SWIERCZEWSKI 08.04.72
Forwards
Aboubacar CAMARA 17.11.72
Etienne MENDY 14.06.69
Miklos MOLNAR 03.08.69
Roland WOLFARTH 11.01.63
Coach: Jacques SANTINI

SOCHAUX
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Stephane CASSARD 11.12.72
Stephane FERRAND 02.10.68
Defenders
Andre BLANC 19.11.66
Frederic DARRAS 19.08.66
Faruk HADZIBEGIC 07.10.57
Bernard MARAVAL 30.09.71
Roman SZEWCZYK 18.03.65
Nicolas WEBER 28.10.70
Midfielders
Mehmed BAZDAREVIC 28.09.60
Eric DEWILDER 10.04.64
Pavel YAKOVENKO 19.12.64
Bertrand PITON 19.08.70
David ROBERT 12.04.69
Forwards
Alain CAVEGLIA 28.03.68
Benjamin CLEMENT 10.12.66
Jean-Marc FROTEY 19.04.69
Didier OTOKORE 26.03.69
Lionel PRAT 20.01.71
Hendrikus VOS 05.06.68
Coach: Silvester TAKAC

STRASBOURG
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Joel CORMINBOEUF 19.03.64
Sylvain SANSONE 18.10.67
Defenders
Pascal BAILLS 30.12.64
Remi GARDE 03.04.66
Franck LEBOEUF 22.01.63
David REGIS 02.12.68
Stephane SOPPO-DIN 05.08.71
Philippe THYS 30.08.59
Midfielders
Martin DJETOU 15.12.74
Ivan HASEK 06.09.63
Michael HUGHES 02.08.71
Jacky PAILLARD 06.10.62
Yvon POULIQUEN 17.10.62
Forwards
Ali BOUAFIA 05.08.64
Franck FARINA 05.09.64
Wilfrid GOHEL 12.10.68
Marc KELLER 14.01.68
Eric VOGEL 12.08.70
Coach: Gilbert GRESS

TOULOUSE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Alain CASANOVA 18.01.61
Teddy RICHERT 21.09.74
Defenders
Dominique ARRIBAGE 11.05.71
Vincent CANDELA 24.10.73
J-Christophe DEBU 07.04.64
Thomas FERNANDEZ 03.08.70
Aissa FOUKA 27.10.67
Olivier FRAPOLLI 27.09.71
J-Francois HERNANDEZ 23.04.69
Serge ROMANO 25.07.64
J-Francois SOUCASSE 01.08.72
Midfielders
Michael DEBEVE 01.12.70
Remy LORET 19.08.72
Vaclac NEMECEK 25.01.67
Didier NOUAILLE 30.11.72
Nicolas RODOR 06.11.69
Forwards
Anthony BANCAREL 15.05.71
Bernard FERRER 23.01.64
Eric LADA 14.10.65
Michel PAVON 07.11.68
Olivier PICKEU 24.01.70
Coach: Serge DELMAS

SPAIN

ALBACETE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Luis Gabelo CONEJO 01.01.60
Juan Carlos BALAGUER 06.05.66
OSCAR 25.06.73
Defenders
COCO 01.07.69
Delfi Roura GELI 22.04.69
SANTI 09.03.74
Jose Maria MENENDEZ 29.12.63
Socrates PARRI 16.12.66
SOTERO 12.08.72
Esteban FRADERA 07.05.63
Jose Maria SALA 24.04.64
ALEJANDRO 17.06.64
MAGIN 06.01.70
Midfielders
JULIO SOLER 04.06.65
Juan Antonio CHESA 01.02.70
Jose Luis ZALAZAR 26.10.63
Pedro Ignacio CORDERO ...17.08.68
Nenad BJELICA 20.08.71
Forwards
ANTONIO 20.05.65
Raul Ricardo DOS SANTOS 19.04.67
Vladan DIMITRIJEVIC 07.04.73
JOSE 14.10.66
Coach: Victor ESPARRAGO

ATHLETIC BILBAO
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Juan Jose VALENCIA 18.09.71
KIKE 20.01.71
Defenders
Andoni LACABEG 14.02.69
Genar ANDRINUA 09.05.64
ASIER 27.10.66
Aitor LARRAZABAL 21.06.71
Oscar Javier TABUENCA 21.04.71
Jose Manuel GALDAMES ...15.06.70
Andres LAMBEA 15.08.73
Aitor KARANKA 18.09.73
Midfielders
Eduardo ESTIBARIZ 27.05.66
CARLOS GARCIA 13.08.70
Jose URRUTIA 10.04.68
Ander GARITANO 26.02.69
David BILLABONA 05.12.69
Javier ESCURZA 17.01.70
Julen GUERRERO 07.01.74
Ricardo MENDIGUREN 19.10.68
Forwards
Ernesto VALVERDE 09.02.64
Fco. Javier LUQUE 20.02.68
Jose Angel CIGANDA 01.10.66
Jose Angel URIBARRENA ..08.01.69
Coach: Jupp HEYNCKES

ATLETICO MADRID
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Resino Gomez ABEL 02.02.60
Diaz Garrido DIEGO 30.12.68
Lopez Felipe RICARDO 31.12.71
Defenders
Renones Crespo TOMAS ...09.08.60
Roberto SOLOZABAL 15.09.69
JUANITO 10.05.65
Francisco FERREIRA 22.05.67
TONI 04.02.68
Juan Manuel LOPEZ 03.09.69
Jose Luis Perez CAMINERO ...08.11.67
Midfielders
Jose Antonio PIZO GOMEZ 07.01.64
Juan VIZCAINO 06.08.66
PEDRO 18.04.68
Jose Maria QUEVEDO 01.06.69
PIRRI 10.11.70
Rodrigues dos Santos MOACIR ...21.03.70
Antonio ACOSTA 22.11.71
Forwards
MANOLO 17.01.65
Juan SABAS 13.04.67
Luis GARCIA 01.06.69
KIKO 26.04.72
Roman KOSECKI 15.02.66
Mario Oliveira Costa TILICO ...23.03.65
Miguel Angel BENITEZ 19.05.70
Coach: Jair PEREIRA

BARCELONA
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Andoni ZUBIZARRETA 23.10.61
Carlos BUSQUETS 19.07.67
Jesus Mariano ANGOY 22.05.66
Defenders
Albert FERRER 06.06.70
Ronald KOEMAN 21.03.63
JUAN CARLOS 19.01.65
PABLO 26.04.69
Miguel SOLER 13.03.65
Midfielders
EUSEBIO 13.04.64
Jose Maria BAQUERO 11.02.63
Guillermo AMOR 04.12.67
Josep GUARDIOLA 18.01.71
Miguel Angel NADAL 28.07.66
OSCAR 26.04.73
IVAN 16.12.71
Goran VUCEVIC 28.05.71
Forwards
Aitor BEGUIRISTAIN 12.08.64
Hristo STOICHKOV 08.02.66
Michale LAUDRUP 15.06.64
JULIO SALINAS 11.09.62
Juan Antonio GOICOECHEA ...21.10.65
ROMARIO 29.01.66
Enrique ESTEBARANZ 06.10.65
JAVI 01.10.69
Thomas CHRISTIANSEN 11.03.73
Coach: Johan CRUYFF

CELTA VIGO
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Jose Santiago CANIZARES 18.12.69
Fco. Javier VILLANUEVA 27.07.65
Defenders
Francisco SALINAS 17.11.63
Jorge OTERO 08.03.63
ATILANO 18.08.58
Luis Fernando DADIE 17.05.66
ALEJO 14.10.66
Rafael BERGES 21.01.71
Goran JURIC 05.02.61
Francisco Javir OLIETE 09.09.70
Midfielders
Jose Gil 09.10.60
VICENTE 30.04.60
Milorad RATKOVIC 16.10.64
Vicente ENGONGA 20.10.69
Francisco VILANOVA 17.09.68
CARLOS 01.11.71
Juan Carlos SANROMAN 23.10.71
LUISINHO 17.03.65
Borja AGUIRRECHU 25.06.68
MANEL 09.05.72
Forwards
Vladimir GUDELJ 27.11.66
SALILLAS 07.01.66
SALVA 24.08.68
Milos BURSAC 23.06.64
Sebastian LOSADA 03.09.67
FERNANDO 23.04.74
Coach: Chechu ROJO

DEPORTIVO LA CORUNA
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Juan Garrido CANALES 22.11.66
Francisco LIANO 16.11.64
ALEX 30.12.74
Defenders
Luis Maria LOPEZ REKARTE ..26.03.62
Jose LUIS RIBERA 11.06.65
Miroslav DJUKIC 19.02.66
NANDO 31.05.67
MARIANO 19.09.70
Ricardo SERNA 21.01.64
VORO 09.10.63
DONATO 30.12.62
PACO 18.04.70
Midfielders
FRAN 14.07.69
Adolfo ALDANA 05.01.66
JOSE RAMON 20.05.68
MAURO DA SILVA 12.01.68
ALFREDO 13.10.67
MARCOS VALES 05.04.75
RAMON 14.02.64
Forwards BEBETO 16.02.64
CLAUDIO 10.05.64
ARTURO 05.03.70
Atanas KIROV 13.11.69
JUANITO 08.12.69
Javier MANJARIN 31.12.69
PEDRO RIESCO 25.10.69
Coach: Arsenio IGLESIAS

UE LLEIDA
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
RAUL 24.10.70
Mauro RAVNIC 29.11.59
Defenders
Miguel Angel RUBIO 31.08.61
GONZALO 22.07.62
VIRGILIO 05.09.68
JAIME 21.09.71
PEDRO LUIS 14.08.67
Albert TOMAS 19.12.70
Midfielders
Antonio PALAU 04.09.63
Sergi PARES 29.03.69
TXEMA 29.04.71
Nicola MILINKOVIC 19.03.68
DAVID 06.10.66
JAVIER 14.02.68
Forwards
Javier BARTOLO 07.10.68
VILLA 19.09.66
Coach: Jose Manuel Esnal, MANE

LOGRONES
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Julen LOPETEGUI 28.08.66
Ignacio VERGARA 26.01.62
Defenders
CLEBER 26.07.69
Isidro VILLANOVA 11.11.65
Juan Carlos HERRERO 10.08.61
Jesus DULCE 22.03.71
Francisco Jose ANTON 02.07.67
ROMERO 23.06.71
Juan Carlos MANDIA 11.01.67
Santiago PISON 24.07.70
JUBERA 14.07.74
Midfielders
Ignacio MARTINS 10.07.62
Ricardo MORENO 06.04.66
Antonio POYATOS 19.02.66
Luciano ITURRINO 04.11.63
Ignacio ERANA 03.06.65
OSCAR 09.05.71
Jose Tomas VALLEJO 21.12.70
Fernando MARIN 27.11.71
Juan Jose VALLINA 10.09.70
Forwards
Jesus ROSAGRO 02.12.66
Jesus GARCIA PITARCH 14.11.63
JUAN 04.03.66
Oleg SALENKO 25.10.69
Dejan MARKOVIC 26.05.73
Roberto MATUTE 26.09.72
Coach: Carlos AIMAR

OSASUNA
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
ROBERTO 12.03.62
Javier LOPEZ VALLEJO 22.09.75
Defenders
PEPIN 15.09.59
Pedro AROZARENA 24.02.66
Domingo LARRAINZARI 08.09.69
Angel MARTIN GONZALEZ 28.04.64
Eugenio BUSTINGORRI 26.12.63
Pedrag SPASIC 29.09.65
Ramon DE QUINTANA 06.02.72
EDU 13.05.70
JUANJO TENORIO 23.06.71
Midfielders
Miguel Angel MERINO 02.10.66
Dyan ANGELOV 17.10.64
MARTIN DOMINGUEZ 04.04.64
JOSE MARI 10.02.71
Jose Javier PASCUAL 16.12.70
SANCHEZ JARA 19.09.69
Forwards
Jan URBAN 14.05.62
albert AGUILA 09.08.70
Santiago CASTILLEJO 05.09.71
Jose Maria YANGUAS 20.06.72
Coach: Pedro Maria ZABALZA

OVIEDO
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
VITI 09.07.59
RAFA 25.10.70
Juan Luis MORA 12.02.73
Defenders
Nikola JERKAN 08.12.68
LUIS MANUEL 29.03.67
Antonio GORRIARAN 05.11.61
Antonio RIVAS 13.09.65
ANDRES 13.08.68
ARMANDO 18.07.70
CRISTOBAL 21.08.67
Midfielders
BERTO 08.12.68
PACO 28.09.67
Luis ELCACHO 06.01.64
Jordi VINYALS 24.11.63
MANEL 07.01.71
PEDRO ALBERTO 13.11.65
Juan Antonio ANDRADES ..30.01.66
Lluid CARRERAS 24.09.71
Forwards
Felix SARRIUGARTE 06.11.64
Janko JANKOVIC 14.01.63
CARLOS 25.08.61
Pable Jose MAQUEDA 18.01.71
OLI 02.04.72
Coach: Radomir ANTIC

RACING SANTANDER
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Jose Manuel CEBALLOS 07.09.68
Francisco PINILLOS 26.10.69
Defenders
Manuel CANTUDO 14.09.65
Fc. Javier RONCAL 10.12.69
Cesar SALCEDA 07.06.69
GELUCHO 28.02.62
JUAN 24.02.73
Jesus M. MERINO 07.12.67
J. Gregorio ENDRINO 05.04.66
Midfielders
Andrei ZYGMANTOVIC 09.07.62
EDU 10.12.66
ESTEBAN 03.09.71
Alberto SOLAETA 14.10.70
QUIQUE 27.09.58
TORRECILLA 25.02.64
Luis FERNANDEZ 27.09.72
Forwards
Jose AGUILAR 28.11.70
CHILI 08.08.68
MUTIU 22.12.70
Michel PINEDA 09.07.64
GELI 15.02.68
Coach: Javier IRURETA

RAYO VALLECANO
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
WILFRED 05.10.66
TONI 12.10.70
Defenders
Benigno LEMA 12.09.64
Jesus Diego COTA 28.07.67
MIGUEL 19.02.70
JOSETE 12.03.70
Manuel Ortega MOMPARLET..18.11.66
Julian PALACIOS 07.12.70
ALEX 14.01.70
Andoni AYARZA 12.09.65
Midfielders
ARMANDO 29.11.67
Antonio CALDERON 02.06.67
Josip VISNJIC 17.11.66
PABLO 21.05.70
ANgel Luis ALCAZAR 16.04.67
LUIS DEGADO 25.08.65
Antonio OREJUELA 01.12.60
Forwards
ONESIMO 14.08.68
Ismael URZAIZ 07.10.71
Coach: Felix BARDERAS, "FELINES"

REAL MADRID
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Francisco BUYO 13.01.58
Pedro Luis JARO 22.02.63
JUANMI 09.03.71
Defenders
CHENDO 12.10.61
NANDO 30.10.67
Manuel SANCHIS 23.05.65
Miguel LASA 09.09.71
Rafael ALCORTA 16.09.68
Claudemir VITOR 28.09.72
Luis Miguel RAMIS 25.07.70
Midfielders
MAQUEDA 23.01.69
HIERRO 23.03.68
MICHEL 23.03.63
Luis MILLA 12.03.66
VILLARROYA 06.08.66
Robert PROSINECKI 12.01.69
Rafael MARTIN VAZQUEZ ..25.09.65
Jose Alberto TORIL 07.07.73
Forwards
Emilio BUTRAGUENO 22.07.63
Ivan Luis ZAMORANO 18.01.67
Francisco LLORENTE 21.05.65
LUIS ENRIQUE 08.05.70
ALFONSO 26.09.72
Peter DUBOVSKY 07.05.72
Coach: Benito FLORO

REAL SOCIEDAD
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Javier YUBERO 21.01.72
ALBERTO 20.05.69
Defenders
J. Antonio LARRANAGA 03.07.58
Joaquin URIA 12.02.65
IMANOL 04.07.71
Inaqui ALABA 14.11.66
Jose Antonio PIKABEA 26.09.70
Inaqui ZABALA 15.08.70
Jose Luis AGUIRRE 14.09.65
Alberto ALBISTEGUI 24.09.64
ESTEFANO 02.01.71
Midfielders
Jose Maria LUMBRERAS ...06.01.61
CARLOS MARTINEZ
17.02.67OCEANO 29.07.62
CARLOS XAVIER 26.01.62
Victor ALQUIZA 26.10.70
Javier GURUCETA 15.03.70
Andoni IMAZ 05.09.71
Forwards
Meho KODRO 12.01.67
Miguel Angel FUENTES 06.08.64
LUIS PEREZ 09.02.71
LORENZO 07.10.66
Coach: John TOSHACK

SEVILLA
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Juan Carlos UNZUE 22.04.67
MONCHI 20.09.68
Defenders
DIEGO 20.04.60
Manuel JIMENEZ 21.01.64
Juan MARTAGON 22.10.67
Jose Miguel PRIETO 22.11.71
Alfonso CORTUJO 14.09.66
VICTOR MANUEL 16.02.71
Pedro DEL CAMPO 04.04.68
AGUST 07.11.70
PADILLA 14.09.69
Midfielders
RAFA PAZ 02.08.65
MARCOS 17.09.68
Jose CARVAJAL 11.06.68
Ricardo Gonzalez BANGO..18.09.68
Diego Pablo SIMEONE 28.04.70
Francisco Javier PINEDA 03.11.71
Francisco ABEL 21.01.73
Forwards
Davor SUKER 01.01.68
MONCHU 28.11.68
Gabriel MOYA 30.03.66
Coach: Luis ARAGONES

SPORTING GIJON
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
Juan Carlos ABLANEDO II..02.09.63
RODRI 11.06.69
EMILIO 13.11.63
RAMON 15.05.73
Defenders
Jose LUIS SIERRA 07.12.65
ABELARDO 19.03.70
ARTURO 08.06.69
MUNIZ 02.11.68
PABLO 05.08.71
RAUL 31.08.68
GUTI 21.08.68
LITO 11.05.68
Midfielders
OSCAR 09.03.66
TOMAS 25.11.70
Carlos OVIDIO 19.11.69
AVELINO 11.11.71
Jose Luis ABLANEDO I 22.08.62
EMILIO 04.01.71
Marcel SABOU 22.08.65
Ivan MINER 03.06.71
Forwards
JUANELE 10.04.71
Jose Maria CELA 17.12.69
Xavier ESCAICH 06.09.68
DANI DIAZ 03.08.73
Coach: Mariano Garcia REMON

TENERIFE
Goalkeepers — **Birth date**
MANOLO 08.04.61
AGUSTIN 10.09.59
Jose Manuel OCHOTORENA ..16.01.61
Defenders
Julio LLORENTE 14.06.66
TONI 17.03.68
Antonio MATA 25.08.68
CESAR GOMEZ 23.10.67
Jose G. DELSOLAR 17.11.67
Juan Carlos AGUILERA ....22.05.

EURO SQUADS

ENGLAND

ARSENAL

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Alan MILLER 29.03.70
David SEAMAN 19.09.63
Defenders
Tony ADAMS 10.10.66
Steve BOULD 16.11.62
Lee DIXON 17.03.64
Martin KEOWN 24.07.66
Andy LINIGHAN 08.06.62
Nigel WINTERBURN 11.12.63
Midfielders
David HILLIER 19.12.69
Paul DAVIS 09.12.61
John JENSEN 03.05.65
Eddie McGOLDRICK 30.04.65
Paul MERSON 20.03.68
Steven MORROW 02.07.70
Ray PARLOUR 07.03.73
Forwards
Kevin CAMPBELL 04.02.70
Jimmy CARTER 09.11.65
Anders LIMPAR 24.09.65
Alan SMITH 21.11.62
Ian WRIGHT 03.11.63
Manager: George GRAHAM

ASTON VILLA

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Mark BOSNICH 13.01.72
Nigel SPINK 08.08.58
Defenders
Earl BARRETT 28.04.67
Neil COX 08.10.71
Paul McGRATH 04.12.59
Shaun TEALE 10.03.64
Steve STAUNTON 19.01.69
Midfielders
Stefan BEINLICH 13.01.72
Matthias BREITKREUTZ 12.05.71
Gordon COWANS 27.10.58
Steve FROGGATT 09.03.73
Ray HOUGHTON 09.01.62
Garry PARKER 07.09.65
Kevin RICHARDSON 04.12.62
Andy TOWNSEND 23.07.63
Forwards
Dalian ATKINSON 21.03.68
Tony DALEY 18.10.67
Dean SAUNDERS 21.06.64
Guy WHITTINGHAM 10.11.64
Dwight YORKE 03.11.70
Manager: Ron ATKINSON

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Darren COLLIER 01.12.67
Bobby MIMMS 12.10.63
Defenders
Patrik ANDERSSON 18.08.71
Henning BERG 01.09.69
Colin HENDRY 07.12.65
Keith HILL 17.05.69
Graeme LE SAUX 17.10.68
David MAY 24.06.70
Kevin MORAN 29.04.56
Andy MORRISON 30.07.70
Stuart MUNRO 15.09.62
Alan WRIGHT 28.09.71
Midfielders
Steve AGNEW 09.11.65
Mark ATKINS 14.08.68
Tim SHERWOOD 08.02.69
Paul WARHURST 26.09.69
Jason WILCOX 15.07.71
Forwards
Kevin GALLACHER 23.11.66
Mike NEWELL 27.01.65
Stuart RIPLEY 20.11.67
Alan SHEARER 13.08.70
Manager: Kenny DALGLISH

CHELSEA

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Dimitri KHARIN 16.08.68
Dave BEASANT 20.03.59
Defenders
Steve CLARKE 29.08.63
Mal DONAGHY 13.09.57
Paul ELLIOTT 18.03.64
Gareth HALL 20.03.69
Glenn HODDLE 27.10.57
David LEE 26.11.69
Erland JOHNSEN 05.04.67
Jakob KJELDEBERG 05.07.67
Frank SINCLAIR 03.12.71
Midfielders
Alan DICKENS 03.09.64
Andy DOW 07.02.73
Eddie NEWTON 13.12.71
Nigel SPACKMAN 02.12.60
Dennis WISE 15.12.66
Forwards
Tony CASCARINO 01.09.62
Robert FLECK 11.08.65
Gavin PEACOCK 18.11.67
Neil SHIPPERLEY 30.10.74
John SPENCER 11.09.70
Manager: Glenn HODDLE

COVENTRY CITY

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Jonathan GOULD 18.07.68
Steve OGRIZOVIC 12.09.57
Defenders
Peter ATHERTON 06.04.70
Peter BILLING 24.10.64
Brian BORROWS 20.12.60
Paul EDWARDS 25.12.63
Chris GREENMAN 22.12.68
Lee HURST 21.09.70
Steve MORGAN 19.09.68
Midfielders
Stewart BOWEN 12.12.72
Sean FLYNN 13.03.68
Lloyd McGRATH 24.02.65
Stewart ROBSON 06.11.64
David SMITH 29.03.68
Ray WOODS 07.06.65
Forwards
Mick HARFORD 12.02.59
Peter NDLOVU 25.02.73
Mick QUINN 02.05.62
Roy WEGERLE 19.03.64
John WILLIAMS 11.05.68
Manager: Bobby GOULD

EVERTON

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Neville SOUTHALL 16.09.58
Jason KEARTON 09.07.69
Defenders
Gary ABLETT 19.11.65
John DOOLAN 07.05.74
Andy HINCHCLIFFE 05.02.69
Matthew JACKSON 19.10.71
Iain JENKINS 24.11.72
David UNSWORTH 18.10.73
Dave WATSON 20.11.61
Midfielders
Peter BEAGRIE 28.11.65
John EBBRELL 01.10.69
Alan HARPER 01.11.60
Barry HORNE 18.05.63
Ian SNODIN 15.08.63
Mark WARD 10.10.62
Robert WARZYCHA 20.06.63
Forwards
Stuart BARLOW 16.07.68
Tony COTTEE 11.07.65
Mo JOHNSTON 30.04.63
Paul RIDEOUT 14.08.64
Graham STUART 24.10.70
Manager: Howard KENDALL

IPSWICH TOWN

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Clive BAKER 14.03.59
Craig FORREST 20.09.67
Defenders
Gavin JOHNSON 10.10.70
David LINIGHAN 09.01.65
Neill THOMPSON 02.10.63
Phil WHELAN 07.08.72
John WARK 04.08.57
Frank YALLOP 04.04.64
Eddie YOUDS 03.05.70
Midfielders
Paul MASON 03.09.63
Simon MILTON 23.08.63
Steve PALMER 31.03.68
Stuart SLATER 27.03.69
Mick STOCKWELL 14.02.65
Geraint WILLIAMS 05.01.62
Forwards
Paul GODDARD 12.10.59
Neil GREGORY 07.10.72
Bontcho GUENTCHEV 07.07.64
Chris KIWOMYA 02.12.69
Ian MARSHALL 20.03.66
Gary THOMPSON 07.09.72
Steve WHITTON 04.12.60
Manager: Mick McGIVEN

LEEDS UNITED

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Mark BEENEY 30.12.67
John LUKIC 11.12.60
Defenders
Tony DORIGO 31.12.65
Chris FAIRCLOUGH 12.04.64
Dylan KERR 14.01.67
Jon NEWSOME 06.09.70
David O'LEARY 02.05.58
Mel STERLAND 01.10.61
Raymond WALLACE 02.10.69
Midfielders
David BATTY 02.12.68
Steve HODGE 25.10.62
Gary McALLISTER 25.12.64
David ROCASTLE 02.05.67
Gary SPEED 08.09.69
Gordon STRACHAN 09.02.57
Forwards
Brian DEANE 07.02.68
Carl SHUTT 10.10.61
Frank STRANDLI 16.05.72
Rodney WALLACE 02.10.69
Noel WHELAN 30.12.74
Manager: Howard WILKINSON

LIVERPOOL

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Bruce GROBBELAAR 06.10.57
David JAMES 01.08.70
Defenders
Julian DICKS 08.08.68
Rob JONES 05.11.71
Steve NICOL 11.12.61
Torben PIECHNIK 21.05.63
Neil RUDDOCK 09.05.68
Mark WRIGHT 01.08.63
Midfielders
Stig Inge BJORNEBYE 11.12.69
Steve HARKNESS 27.08.71
Don HUTCHISON 09.05.71
Ian MOLBY 04.07.63
Jamie REDKNAPP 25.06.73
Paul STEWART 07.10.64
Michael THOMAS 24.08.67
Ronnie WHELAN 25.09.61
Forwards
John BARNES 07.09.63
Steve McMANAMAN 11.02.72
Nigel CLOUGH 19.03.66
Robbie FOWLER 09.04.75
Ronnie ROSENTHAL 04.10.63
Ian RUSH 25.10.61
Mark WALTERS 02.06.64
Manager: Graeme SOUNESS

MANCHESTER CITY

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Tony COTON 19.05.61
Andy DIBBLE 08.05.65
Defenders
David BRIGHTWELL 07.01.71
Keith CURLE 14.11.63
Andy HILL 20.01.65
Terry PHELAN 16.03.67
Neil POINTON 28.11.64
Michel VONK 28.10.68
Midfielders
Ian BRIGHTWELL 09.05.68
Gary FLITCROFT 06.11.72
Alfons GROENENDIJK 17.05.64
Rick HOLDEN 09.09.64
Paul LAKE 28.10.68
Steve McMAHON 20.08.61
Michael WALLACE 05.10.70
Forwards
Adie MIKE 16.11.73
Niall QUINN 06.10.66
Mike SHERON 11.01.72
Fitzroy SIMPSON 26.02.70
David WHITE 30.10.67
Alan KERNAGHAN 25.04.67
Manager: Brian HORTON

MANCHESTER UNITED

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Peter SCHMEICHEL 18.11.63
Les SEALEY 19.09.57
Defenders
Steve BRUCE 31.12.60
Dennis IRWIN 31.10.65
Lee MARTIN 05.02.68
Gary PALLISTER 30.06.65
Paul PARKER 04.04.64
Mike PHELAN 24.09.62
Midfielders
Clayton BLACKMORE 23.09.64
Darren FERGUSON 09.02.72
Paul INCE 21.10.67
Brian McCLAIR 08.12.63
Roy KEANE 10.08.71
Bryan ROBSON 11.01.57
Lee SHARPE 27.05.71
Forwards
Eric CANTONA 24.05.66
Dion DUBLIN 22.04.69
Ryan GIGGS 29.11.73
Mark HUGHES 01.11.63
Andrej KANCHELSKIS 23.01.69
Danny WALLACE 21.01.64
Manager: Alex FERGUSON

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Pavel SRNICEK 10.03.68
Tommy WRIGHT 29.08.63
Mike HOOPER 10.02.64
Defenders
John BERESFORD 04.09.66
Brian KILCLINE 07.05.62
Bjorn KRISTENSEN 10.10.63
Ray PANSON 12.06.60
Kevin SCOTT 17.12.68
Mark STIMSON 27.12.67
Barry VENISON 16.08.64
Steve WATSON 01.04.74
Midfielders
Darren BRADSHAW 19.03.67
Kevin BROCK 09.09.62
Lee CLARK 27.10.72
Paul BRACEWELL 19.07.62
Liam O'BRIEN 05.09.64
Nikos PAPPAVASSILIOU 31.08.70
Mark ROBINSON 21.11.68
Scott SELLARS 27.11.65
Forwards
Malcolm ALLEN 21.03.67
Peter BEARDSLEY 18.01.61
Andy COLE 15.10.71
John GALLACHER 26.01.69
Andy HUNT 09.06.70
Robert LEE 01.02.66
Manager: Kevin KEEGAN

NORWICH CITY

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Bryan GUNN 22.12.63
Mark WALTON 01.06.69
Defenders
Paul BLADES 05.01.65
Mark BOWEN 07.12.63
Ian BUTTERWORTH 25.01.64
Ian CULVERHOUSE 22.09.64
John POLSTON 10.06.68
Spencer PRIOR 22.04.71
Midfielders
Ian CROOK 18.01.63
Ruel FOX 14.01.68
Jeremy GOSS 11.05.65
Andy JOHNSON 02.05.74
Gary MEGSON 02.05.59
Rob NEWMAN 13.12.63
David SMITH 28.12.70
Forwards
Efan EKOKU 08.06.67
Lee POWER 30.06.72
Mark ROBINS 22.12.69
Daryl SUTCH 11.09.71
Chris SUTTON 10.03.73
Manager: Mike WALKER

OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Jon HALLWORTH 26.10.65
John KEELEY 27.07.61
Defenders
Andy BARLOW 24.11.65
Craig FLEMING 06.10.71
Gunnar HALLE 11.08.65
Andy HOLDEN 14.09.62
Richard JOBSON 09.05.63
Neil McDONALD 02.11.65
Robert MILLER 03.11.72
Midfielders
Neil ADAMS 23.11.65
Paul BERNARD 30.12.72
Nick HENRY 21.02.69
Mike MILLIGAN 20.02.67
Forwards
Darren BECKFORD 12.05.67
Paul MOULDEN 06.09.67
Ian OLNEY 17.12.69
Roger PALMER 30.11.59
Andy RITCHIE 28.11.60
Graeme SHARP 16.10.60
Neil TOBSON 14.09.74
Manager: Joe ROYLE

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Tony ROBERTS 04.08.69
Jan STEJSKAL 15.01.62
Defenders
David BARDSLEY 11.09.64
Rufus BREVETT 25.09.69
Danny MADDIX 11.10.67
Alan McDONALD 12.10.63
Darren PEACOCK 03.02.68
Steve YATES 29.01.70
Clive WILSON 13.11.61
Midfielders
Simon BARKER 04.11.64
Maurice DOYLE 17.10.69
Ian HOLLOWAY 12.03.63
Trevor SINCLAIR 02.03.73
Ray WILKINS 14.09.56
Forwards
Bradley ALLEN 13.09.71
Dennis BAILEY 13.11.65
Les FERDINAND 08.12.66
Andy IMPEY 30.09.71
Gary PENRICE 23.03.64
Devon WHITE 02.03.64
Manager: Gerry FRANCIS

SHEFFIELD UNITED

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Phil KITE 26.10.62
Simon TRACEY 09.12.67
Alan KELLY 11.08.68
Defenders
David BARNES 16.11.61
Paul BEESLEY 21.07.65
Tom COWAN 28.08.69
Kevin GAGE 21.06.64
Bryan GALE 08.03.65
Chris KAMARA 25.12.57
John PEMBERTON 11.11.64
David TUTTLE 06.02.72
Chris WILDER 23.09.67
Midfielders
Ian BRYSON 26.11.62
John GANNON 18.12.66
Glynn HODGES 30.04.63
Jamie HOYLAND 23.01.66
Michael LAKE 16.11.66
Paul ROGERS 21.03.65
Forwards
Carl BRADSHAW 02.10.68
Franz CARR 24.09.66
Adrian LITTLEJOHN 26.09.70
Jostein FLO 04.04.70
Dane WHITEHOUSE 14.10.70
Manager: Dave BASSETT

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Kevin PRESSMAN 08.11.67
Chris WOODS 14.11.59
Defenders
Phil KING 28.12.67
Roland NILSSON 27.11.63
Andy PEARCE 20.04.66
Nigel PEARSON 21.08.63
Des WALKER 26.11.65
Nigel WORTHINGTON 04.11.61
Midfielders
Chris BART-WILLIAMS 16.06.74
Graham HYDE 10.11.70
Carlton PALMER 05.12.65
John SHERIDAN 01.10.64
Chris WADDLE 14.12.60
Mike WILLIAMS 21.11.69
Andy SINTON 19.03.66
Forwards
Mark BRIGHT 08.06.62
David HIRST 07.12.67
Nigel JEMSON 10.08.69
David JOHNSON 29.10.70
Manager: Trevor FRANCIS

SOUTHAMPTON

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Ian ANDREWS 01.12.64
Tim FLOWERS 03.02.67
Defenders
Micky ADAMS 08.11.61
Francis BENALI 30.12.68
Simon CHARLTON 25.10.71
Jason DODD 02.11.70
Jon GITTENS 22.01.64
Richard HALL 14.03.72
Jeff KENNA 27.08.70
Kenneth MONKOU 29.11.64
Kevin MOORE 29.04.58
Midfielders
Paul ALLEN 28.08.62
Glenn COCKERILL 25.08.59
Stuart GRAY 19.04.60
Terry HURLOCK 22.09.58
Neil MADDISON 02.10.69
Tommy WIDDRINGTON 01.10.71
Forwards
Kerry DIXON 24.07.61
Iain DOWIE 09.01.65
Perry GROVES 19.04.65
Matthew LE TISSIER 14.10.68
Manager: Ian BRANFOOT

SWINDON TOWN

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Fraser DIGBY 23.01.67
Nickey HAMMOND 07.09.67
Defenders
Paul BODIN 13.09.64
Richard GREEN 22.11.67
Nestor LORENZO 28.02.66
Ross McLAREN 14.04.62
Luc NIJHOLT 29.07.61
Lee SPALDING 21.08.72
Shaun TAYLOR 26.03.63
Adrian WHITBREAD 22.10.71
Terry FENWICK 17.11.59
Midfielders
Mike HAZARD 05.02.60
Tommy JONES 07.10.64
John MONCUR 22.09.66
Martin LING 15.07.66
Adrian VIVEASH 30.09.69
Forwards
Dave BENNETT 11.07.57
Shaun CLOSE 08.09.66
Jan Age FJORTOFT 10.01.67
Andy MUTCH 28.12.63
Steve WHITE 02.01.59
Manager: John GORMAN

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Erik THORSTVEDT 28.10.62
Ian WALKER 31.10.71
Defenders
Dean AUSTIN 26.04.70
Sol CAMPBELL 18.09.74
David KERSLAKE 19.06.66
Gudni BERGSSON 21.07.65
Jason CUNDY 12.11.69
Colin CALDERWOOD 20.01.65
Justin EDINBURGH 18.12.69
Gary MABBUTT 23.08.61
Steve SEDGLEY 26.05.68
Midfield
Darren CASKEY 27.08.74
Jason DOZZELL 09.12.67
Andy GRAY 22.02.64
David HOWELLS 15.12.68
Scott HOUGHTON 22.09.71
David KERSLAKE 19.06.66
Vinny SAMWAYS 27.10.68
Andy TURNER 23.03.75
Forwards
Darren ANDERTON 03.03.72
Nick BARMBY 11.02.74
Gordon DURIE 06.12.65
Teddy SHERINGHAM 02.04.66
Manager: Osvaldo ARDILES

WEST HAM UNITED

Ludek MIKLOSKO 09.12.61
Gerry PEYTON 20.05.56
Defenders
Tim BREACKER 02.07.65
David BURROWS 25.10.68
Kenny BROWN 11.07.67
Colin FOSTER 16.07.64
Tony GALE 19.11.59
Steve POTTS 07.05.67
Mitchell THOMAS 02.10.64
Simon WEBSTER 20.01.64
Midfielders
Matt HOLMES 01.08.69
Mike MARSH 21.07.69
Martin ALLEN 18.08.65
Ian BISHOP 29.05.65
Mark ROBSON 22.05.69
Matthew RUSH 06.08.71
Forwards
Clive ALLEN 20.05.61
Alex BUNBURY 18.06.67
Dale GORDON 09.01.67
Trevor MORLEY 20.03.62
Dean MARTIN 31.08.72
Jeroen BOERE 18.11.67
Lee CHAPMAN 05.12.59
Manager: Billy BONDS

WIMBLEDON

Hans SEGERS 30.10.81
Neil SULLIVAN 24.02.70
Defenders
Warren BARTON 19.03.69
Dean BLACKWELL 05.12.69
Gary EILKINS 04.05.66
Scott FITZGERALD 13.09.69
Brian McALLISTER 30.11.71
Roger JOSEPH 24.12.65
John SCALES 04.07.66
Midfielders
Neal ARDLEY 01.09.72
Robbie EARLE 27.01.65
Carlton FAIRWEATHER 22.09.61
Vinnie JONES 05.01.65
Aidan NEWHOUSE 23.05.72
Vaughan RYAN 02.09.68
Lawrie SANCHEZ 22.10.59
Forwards
Gary BLISSETT 29.06.64
Steve COTTERILL 30.07.64
John FASHANU 18.09.62
Terry GIBSON 23.12.62
Dean HOLDSWORTH 08.11.68
Andy CLARKE 22.07.67
Manager: Joe KINNEAR

ITALY

ATALANTA

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Fabrizio FERRON 05.09.65
Davide PINTAO 15.03.64
Filippo ZANO 21.04.75
Defenders
Tebaldo BIGLIARDI 05.02.63
Maurizio CODISPOTI 04.07.64
Paolo FOGLIO 08.09.75
Claudio MASCHERETTI 31.01.70
Paolo MONTERO 03.09.71
Simone PAVAN 29.04.74
Emanuele TRESOLDI 20.11.73
Mauro VALENTINI 04.01.64
Midfielders
Ricardo ALEMAO 22.11.61
Matteo CAPECCHI 21.09.74
Tomas LOCATELLI 09.06.76
Oscar MAGONI 22.09.67
Giuseppe MINAUDO 22.03.67
Domenico MORFEO 16.01.76
Pierluigi ORLANDINI 09.10.72
Carlo PERRONE 08.07.60
Leonardo RODRIGUEZ 27.08.66
Franck SAUZEE 26.10.65
Cristiano SCAPOLO 05.10.70
Forwards
Maurizio GANZ 13.10.68
Federicko PISANI 25.07.74
Roberto RAMBAUDI 12.01.66
Coach: Francesco GUIDOLIN

CAGLIARI

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Nicola DI BITONTO 01.05.66
Valerio FIORI 27.04.69
Alessio SCARPI 19.04.73
Defenders
Antonio ALOISI 28.08.68
Francesco BELLUCCI 23.02.73
Giuliano MURGIA 25.04.75
Nicolo NAPOLI 07.02.62
Giuseppe PANCARO 26.08.71
Vittorio PUSCEDDU 12.02.74
Simone VERONESE 08.07.74
Matteo VILLA 23.01.70
Midfielders
Massimiliano ALLEGRI 11.08.67
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Jose HERRERA 17.06.65
Nunzio LA TORRE 21.04.73
Gianfrano MATTEOLI 21.04.59
Francesco MORIERO 31.03.69
Marco SANNA 27.12.69
Marcos Marcelo TEJERA 06.08.73
Forwards
Antonio CRINITI 29.10.70
Cesar DELY VALDES 12.03.67
Luis Airton OLIVEIRA 24.03.69
Sebastiano PITTA 06.04.75
Coach: Bruno GIORGI

CREMONESE

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Alessandro MANNINI 26.08.57
Stefano RAZZETTI 13.09.71
Luigi TURCI 27.01.70
Defenders
Alfredo BASSANI 03.07.70
Francesco COLONNESE 10.08.71
Luigi GUALCO 04.03.65
Davide LUCARELLI 14.03.63
Mario MONTORFANO 07.05.61
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Midfielders
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Riccardo CASTAGNA 23.12.71
Gianni CRISTIANI 09.02.63
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Ettore FERRARONI 17.01.68
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Eligio NICOLINI 19.01.61
Alessandro PEDRONI 30.01.71
Forwards
Gustavo DEZOTTI 14.02.64
Matjaz FLORANCIC 18.10.67
Andrea TENTONI 18.05.69
Coach: Luigi SIMONI

FOGGIA

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Mauro BACCHIN 27.10.69
Francesco MANCINI 10.10.68
Defenders
David BIANCHINI 23.07.71
Giovanni BUCARO 20.11.70
Giordani CAINI 28.03.69
Jose Antonio CHAMOT 17.05.69
Giuseppe DI BARI 17.11.69
Giuseppe FORNACIARI 27.07.67
Donatello GASPARINI 29.07.71
Gualtiero GRANDINI 06.10.67
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Midfielders
Pasquale DE VINCENZO 12.02.68
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Pierluigi NICOLI 06.05.66
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Andrea SENO 01.02.66
Giovanni STROPPA 24.01.68
Forwards
Luca AMORUSO 15.11.75
Pierpaolo BRESCIANI 21.07.70
Massimilliano CAPPELLINI 02.01.71
Igor KOLYVANOV 06.03.68
Paolo MANDELLI 04.12.67
Giuseppe PERRONE 19.05.75
Bryan ROY 12.02.70
Coach: Zdenek ZEMAN

GENOA

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Gianluca BERTI 20.05.67
Gabriele SPINETTA 27.01.75
Stefano TACCONI 13.05.57
Defenders
Nicola CARICOLA 13.02.63
Massimillano CORRADO 22.07.71
Fabio GALANTE 20.II.73
Roberto LORENZINI 09.07.66
Daniele MARCUCCI 23.01.74
Dan PETRESCU 22.12.67
Gianluca SIGNORINI 17.03.60
Vincenzo TORRENTE 12.02.66
Midfielders
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Roberto ONORATI 05.02.66
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Ello SIGNORELLI 07.03.70
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Marciano VINK 17.10.70
Forwards
Massimo CIOCCI 25.02.68
Eoberto MURGITA 11.11.68
Marco NAPPI 13.05.66
Tomas SKUHRAVY 07.09.65
Coach: Claudio MASELLI

INTERNAZIONALE

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Benjamino ABATE 10.II.62
Walter ZENGA 20.04.60
Defenders
Sergio BATTISTINI 07.05.63
Giuseppe BERGOMI 22.12.63
Riccardo FERRI 20.08.63
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Midfielders
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Wim JONK 12.10.66
Antonio MANICONE 27.10.66
Angelo ORLANDO 11.08.65
Igor SHALIMOV 02.02.69
Forwards
Dennis BERGKAMP 10.05.69
Davide FONTOLAN 24.02.66
Darko PANCEV 17.09.65
Salvatore SCHILLACI 01.02.64
Ruben SOSA 25.04.66
Coach: Osvaldo BAGNOLI

JUVENTUS

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Angelo PERUZZI 16.02.70
Michelangelo RAMPULLA 10.08.62
Defenders
Francesco BALDINI 14.03.74
Massimio CARRERA 22.04.64
Alessandro DAL CANTO 10.03.75
Andrea FORTUNATO 26.07.71
Gianluca FRANCESCONI 10.09.71
JULIO CESAR 08.03.63
Jurgen KOHLER 06.10.65
Massimiliano NOTARI 14.02.72
Sergio PORRINI 08.01.68
Moreno TORRICELLI 23.01.70
Midfielders
Dino BAGGIO 24.07.71
Antonio CONTE 31.07.69
Robert GALIA 16.03.63
Massimiliano GIACOBBO 15.06.74
Giancarlo MAROCCHI 04.07.65
Forwards
Roberto BAGGIO 18.02.67
Zoran BAN 27.04.73
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Andreas MOLLER 02.09.67
Fabrizio RAVANELLI 11.12.68
Gianluca VIALLI 09.07.64
Coach: Giovanni TRAPATTONI

LAZIO

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Luca MARCHEGIANI 22.02.66
Fernando ORSI 12.09.59
Defenders
Roberto BACCI 15.06.67
Cristiano BERGODI 04.10.64
Mauro BONOMI 23.08.72
Luigi CORINO 26.04.66
Roberto CRAVERO 03.01.64
Roberto DI MATTEO 29.05.70
Giuseppe FAVALLI 08.01.72
Luca LUZARDI 18.02.70
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Paul GASCOIGNE 27.05.67
Dario MARCOLIN 28.10.71
Claudio SCLOSA 28.02.61
Aron WINTER 01.03.67
Forwards
Giampaolo SAURINI 15.11.68
Giuseppe SIGNORI 17.02.68
Pierluigi CASIRAGHI 04.03.69
Coach: Dino ZOFF

LECCE

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Giuseppe GATTA 24.11.67
Davide TORCHIA 31.12.59
Defenders
Simone ALTOBELLI 20.07.70
Rosario BIONDO 26.08.66
Giampaolo CERAMICOLA 10.04.64
Andrea FATTIZZO 29.01.75
Luigi FRISULLO 11.01.75
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GAUCHO 07.03.64
Coach: Nedo SONETTI

MILAN

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Francesco ANTONIOLI 14.09.69
Mario IELPO 08.06.63
Sebastiano ROSSI 20.07.64
Defenders
Franco BARESI 08.05.60
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Florin RADUCIOIU 17.03.70
Marco SIMONE 07.01.69
Marco VAN BASTEN 31.10.69
Coach: Fabio CAPELLO

NAPOLI

Goalkeepers — Birth date
Raffaele DI FUSCO 06.10.61
Angelo PAGOTTO 21.11.73
Giuseppe TAGLIALATELA 02.01.69
Defenders
Giovanni BIA 24.10.68
Fabio CANNAVARO 13.09.73
Ciro CARUSO 14.08.73
Carlo CORNACCHIA 04.05.65
Giancarlo CORRADINI 24.02.61
Ciro FERRARA 11.02.67
Giovanni FRANCINI 03.08.63
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Massimo TARANTINO 20.05.71
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Roberto POLICANO 19.02.64
Luigi RUGGIERO 11.03.75
Alessandro SBRIZZO 11.04.75
Jonas THERN 20.03.67
Forwards
Giorgio BRESCIANI 23.04.69
Renato BU

INSIDE OUT

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Pick of the cap crop

GERMANY's Lothar Matthaus (left) and Sweden's Thomas Ravelli (right) are the latest players to join the band of men with 100 or more international caps.

Matthaus, Germany's captain, reached his century on June 13, in Germany's 4-3 victory against the United States in the US Cup '93. Matthaus is now just two short of Franz Beckenbauer's German mark.

Ravelli chalked up his 100th appearance on August 15, in a 2-1 friendly defeat at home to Switzerland. He is the fourth goalkeeper to join the 100 Club, but is still some way short of Peter Shilton, who holds the world record with 125 caps for England.

No	Player	Country	Caps
1	Peter SHILTON	England	125
2	Pat JENNINGS	Northern Ireland	119
3	Heinz HERMANN	Switzerland	117
4	Bjorn NORDQVIST	Sweden	115
5	Dino ZOFF	Italy	112
6	Hector CHUMPITAZ	Peru	111
7	Oleg BLOCHIN	Soviet Union	109
8	Ladislau BOLONI	Romania	108
	Bobby MOORE	England	108
10	Bobby CHARLTON	England	106
11	Billy WRIGHT	England	105
12	Grzegorz LATO	Poland	104
	Torbjorn SVENSSEN	Sweden	104
14	Franz BECKENBAUER	West Germany	103
15	Soon-Ho CHOI	South Korea	102
	Kenny DALGLISH	Scotland	102
	Kazimierz DEYNA	Poland	102
	Morten OLSEN	Denmark	102
	Joachim STREICH	East Germany	102
20	Lothar MATTHAUS	[West] Germany	101
	Thomas RAVELLI	Sweden	101
22	Joszef BOZSIK	Hungary	100
	Djalma SANTOS	Brazil	100
	Hans-Jurgen DORNER	East Germany	100

Aptly named

WE believe that soccer referees have a thankless task, particularly at amateur level, but we couldn't help smiling at a letter that arrived from the Croydon Referees Association in Surrey. The president is Mr Strutt.

Come to think of it, Croydon is not very far from the spiritual home of all whistlers, Bookham.

WOULD you make a round trip of more than 1,400 miles to lay a wreath on a footballer's grave? Especially when he had been a foreigner playing in a strange land, and you never saw him?

Two Italians recently undertook this pilgrimage, in a touching show of devotion to a man who helped to establish the game in their country.

James Richardson Spensley went to Italy to work as a doctor, and helped to set up the Genoa Cricket and Athletic Club in 1893. He continued to act as their goalkeeper for many years, but eventually died from wounds received during the First World War.

He was buried at a military cemetery in Kassel, and would have stayed forgotten but for Franco Savelli and Mario Riggio, two of the many Italians who take great interest in the early days of their favourite club. Through the Imperial War Graves Commission they managed to find the grave, and went to Germany to lay their floral tributes.

"We felt it right to show that he is not forgotten in our city," said 50-year-old Savelli. "This is our club's centenary year, and we felt that we should recognise the part Spensley played in getting Genoa established."

Sentimental, yes. Silly, even. But doesn't that story make you feel a whole lot better?

A whole new ball of confusion

DESPITE many FA Premiership clubs now having *three* strips to choose from, clashes are still occurring.

The first problem cropped up at Goodison Park when Everton entertained Aston Villa. Everton manager Howard Kendall complained to the referee — wearing green — that Villa's new green and black away strip clashed with both the referee and linesmen's outfits.

Villa may now have to alter the design of their away strip to avoid problems in the future.

The second arose when Newcastle hosted Sheffield Wednesday in a live TV match. Wednesday's traditional blue and white striped shirts clashed with Newcastle's black and white stripes, and the all-black away strip also was an obvious clash, so a third strip was put into action — white shirts with yellow shorts.

But referee Roger Dilkes ruled that even this third option was too similar to Newcastle's colours, so United had to play the match, at home, in their away strip of all-blue!

To take things to even more ridiculous extremes, Wednesday keeper Chris Woods was decked out in a multi-coloured shirt, purple shorts and green socks!

The latest clash came during Leeds United's 2-1 victory over Sheffield United. Sheffield's blue away strip clashed with the referee and linesmen's outfits, so, after 15 minutes had passed, the officials disappeared to their dressing rooms and reappeared in light blue vests (above).

PEOPLE who live in glass houses should beware of throwing stones. Particularly when they are making damning allegations about others. *BBC TV's* Panorama delved into the financial world of Terry Venables and projected what was clearly intended to be an extremely unflattering image of Tottenham's deposed chief executive.

How seriously one should judge the veracity of the facts produced may be open to doubt from the basic error in reviewing his career. According to Panorama, Venables won the Champions Cup with Barcelona in 1986. His tilt at the trophy ended in defeat on penalties by Steaua Bucharest.

Not paying the keeper

OLD-TIME footballers did well to survive on a maximum wage that only reached £20 a week after decades of strife.

One of them, former Birmingham and England goalkeeper Gilbert Merrick, seems keen to join the current soccer gravy train, even at the age of 71.

When we approached him for his views about the 1953 Hungarians, in the celebrated match recalled on pages 46-47, he seemed quite enthusiastic. But then came the lullaby of the modern player, not the hero of long ago.

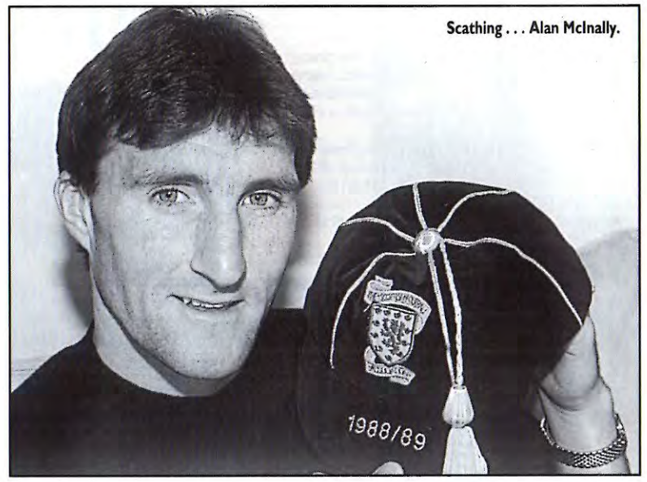
"Is there a fee involved?" he asked.

Unlike so many media outlets, *WORLD SOCCER* will not pay players, of any vintage, to express themselves. So there are no quotes from the keeper.

MARK IRWIN looks at Scotland's situation now that Roxburgh has gone

McSmack!

Alan blames bosses for the stalemate



Scathing . . . Alan McInally.

THE four most successful managers in English football are all Scots.

Yet when the Scottish FA get round to discussing the candidates for the vacant national job, Alex Ferguson, George Graham, Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness will hardly warrant a mention.

Nobody who is anybody in management these days seems prepared to touch the Scotland job with a bargepole.

Andy Roxburgh's resignation last month, after seven years, has left the Scottish FA swamped by a tidal wave of apathy.

Roxburgh's assistant, Craig Brown, has been appointed for the final two games of an already doomed World Cup qualification campaign.

And Brown is the only man who has applied for the job on a full-time basis.

Alan McInally, the former Scotland, Aston Villa and Bayern Munich striker, is not surprised by the lack of interest in a job which was once the most prized in Scottish football.

"People weren't exactly queuing up for the job when Andy Roxburgh was appointed in 1986, and now the situation has got even worse," says McInally.

"The reason is obvious. The Scottish FA are looking for someone they can manipulate. They don't want anyone who will stand up to them.

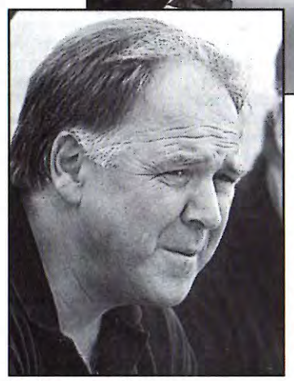
"There's absolutely no chance of Ferguson, Souness, Graham or Dalglish going near the job, and that's a tragedy.

"Their teams at club level would all beat the current Scotland side, and there's no way they'd give up the success and satisfaction they're getting in England to work for an organisation like the SFA."

McInally is scathing in his criticism of the SFA, and particularly of chief executive Jim Farry. He believes that a complete change of attitude is vital if the situation is to improve, but thinks it is unlikely to happen.

"The SFA hold all the aces and are not going to make changes voluntarily because it wouldn't be in their own interests," McInally goes on. "God knows how Farry ended up with so much power. He's a landscape gardener who somehow managed to become appointed chief executive. I realise it's an important and at time difficult job. Let's just say that the SFA could be run better.

Directing . . . Andy Roxburgh in training.



Hoping . . . Craig Brown.

"My current criticism is the way they treat the players, and a lot of current internationals feel the same way.

"Players tend to get fed up when they're told off in training for not having their socks turned over properly, or for having the logo facing the wrong way on their training bibs.

"When you're playing for your country you should be regarded as a star and treated as such. But with Scotland you're treated like little boys.

"As long as the SFA have all their hangers-on getting their little perks, they don't seem to care."

McInally adds: "It's all wrong when you fly for a vital match and the players are left hanging around the airport waiting to collect luggage while the SFA officials go straight to a bus and head for the hotel.

"Players should always come first, but that's not the way it works with Scotland.

"When you're treated as second best, you tend to hold grudges. You no longer enjoy playing for your country. And that soon shows in the results."

McInally is reluctant to criticise Roxburgh, pointing out his success in guiding Scotland to the 1990 World Cup finals and their first appearance in the European Championship finals two years later.

But he does not think that a former teacher, Roxburgh, should have been given the job in the first place, and believes he was never truly accepted by Scotland players or supporters.

"Andy did quite well in a job which nobody else wanted," says McInally. "But he wasn't enough of a personality.

"The Scotland manager needs to be a high-profile extrovert, and Andy was never like that.

"Scottish supporters give a boss about 20 seconds before they make their minds up about him. They want to see a bit of fire and passion. They expect something more than a deep thinker.

"When he was appointed, everyone asked 'Andy Who?' He did all right with limited resources, but it's fair to say that he was never truly accepted by the people."

McInally, now trying to recover from the knee injury which ended his Bundesliga career with Bayern, also reveals that many of the players were disillusioned with Roxburgh's regime, and fears that little will change if Brown is appointed on a permanent basis.

"Andy was a great student of the world game. He wanted to impress all his mates on the UEFA executive committee by introducing a slow, passing game with the emphasis on patience and an immaculate build-up. But it simply wasn't the Scottish way.

"When you've got players who are used to a fast, physical and direct league every Saturday, it's very difficult to suddenly ask them to play a 'Continental' style against opponents who play that way all the time. That was alien to Scotland's players, and it showed.

"There is no getting away from the fact that foreign teams are better ball players than we are. Scotland's forte is our fire and strength. And that has gone missing in recent years.

"Andy didn't lose the faith of all of the players, but he lost the support of some. And I can tell you that some of those who have been paying tribute to him in recent weeks didn't give him their full backing behind closed doors."

The final straw for Roxburgh came with the crushing 5-0 defeat in Portugal in April, which effectively killed any lingering hope of a seventh successive World Cup.

Rangers skipper Richard Gough, who refused to ➢

All systems go in Europe

ALL four of England's club sides safely negotiated their way through to the second round of European competition — though the results alone suggest things were much tighter than they were.

Manchester United got off to a great start in Hungary when Roy Keane scored after only nine minutes of the match with Kispest-Honved. Keane added a second before half-time and, despite a partial recovery by the home side, United took a comfortable 3-2 lead back to Old Trafford.

Two headed goals from set-pieces by Steve Bruce effectively killed the return leg, and although Salloi was allowed to reduce the defeat to 2-1 on the night, United won 5-3 on aggregate.

In the Cup-winners Cup Arsenal got a terrible shock in their first leg against OB Odense in Denmark. Odense took a shock lead thanks to an own goal by Martin Keown, and then missed a penalty which would have seriously threatened Arsenal's chances of progress. Ian Wright scored an equaliser 10 minutes before the break and Paul Merson snatched the winner after 68 minutes.

At the return in London, the home fans were expecting a deluge of goals from Arsenal to match the rain which had been falling all day. But a decidely under-par Arsenal had to wait until the 52nd minute for a breakthrough — Kevin Campbell heading home after good work by Paul Davis.

Even then though, the expected glut did not arrive and Odense snatched an equaliser through Nielsen with four minutes to go. The 3-2 aggregate scoreline suggests that the tie was quite close, but Arsenal were never really in trouble.

In the UEFA Cup Aston Villa knocked out Slovan Bratislava, having done the hard work with a 0-0 draw in the first leg away from home. Dalian Atkinson and Andy Townsend put Villa 2-0 in front after only 22 minutes, but Slovan proved awkward opponents and held Villa for the rest of the game.

Double strike . . . Manchester United's Roy Keane.

Then with four minutes remaining Tittel scored for Slovan to set up a nervous finish for Ron Atkinson's team. But a 2-1 win on the night was enough.

The best performance by an English side was that of Norwich City. The small East Anglian club — playing in Europe for the first time — faced Holland's Vitesse Arnhem in the UEFA Cup and scored a deserved 3-0 aggregate victory.

City won first leg 3-0, with second-half goals by Efan Ekoku, Jeremy Goss and John Polston. A 0-0 draw in the return was achieved despite some over-enthusiastic tackling by the Vitesse defenders.

Norwich may be new to this type of game, but their style of play is perfectly suited to the competition. Away from home they defend in strength and are extremely dangerous on the break; at home, they play patient, passing football that is always good to watch. Above all, they are a team. They have no stars and are prepared to work for each other.

The next round of the competition will test Mike Walker's side far more, a daunting tie with Bayern Munich. But Walker remains confident that his players can hold their own even against such illustrious opponents.

JOHN KELLY

play for Roxburgh after that game, claims that Scotland's tactics in Lisbon were dictated by a conversation which Brown had had with a Portuguese taxi driver.

Brown allegedly told his players that he had been assured there was nothing to fear from Rui Barros, who was over-rated and probably would not play. When Barros then scored twice and had a hand in three more, the Scotland players were understandably upset.

"If Craig Brown does get the job, then good luck to him, but his appointment would upset a lot of people," says McInally, who won all eight of his Scotland caps under Roxburgh's management.

"I think he'll get it. We don't appear to have a lot of choice. We need a new face and new ideas, but we can't get a top manager because of the SFA.

"I fear that Brown will be their pawn, just as Roxburgh was.

"Maybe Brown will surprise us all and change things around. He's an intelligent man and a nice fella. Unlike Roxburgh he's been a club manager, so he might know how to treat his players.

"But it's hard to see how he'll be that different. After all, he was Roxburgh's assistant, and when a manager goes you usually expect his assistant to go with him."

McInally says: "Players still in the squad are in a very difficult position. If they want to remain a part of the Scotland scene, they can't give an honest opinion about a man who could be given the job on a permanent basis.

"The real tragedy is that top players don't seem bothered about playing for Scotland any more. When you've got players like Richard Gough, Steve Nicol, Gordon Strachan and half the Rangers team no longer involved, you know something is wrong.

"Wearing the blue shirt used to be the be-all and end-all for every Scottish footballer. Not any more."

If Brown does get the nod, and it's looking increasingly likely that he will, McInally has a few words of advice. "He must select his strongest team, regardless of which clubs they play for. I wouldn't say that Andy Roxburgh was biased against the Anglos, but he was definitely pro-Scottish Premier players. And he should start involving people like Gordon Strachan and some of the other Scottish characters coming towards the end of their careers in England.

"The SFA recently started a community coaching scheme, which is a good idea, but then they messed it all up by using it as jobs for the boys and appointing all their mates.

"That's the way it is with the SFA. They're a joke.

"Whoever ends up in the job has to realise that there is no point in just keeping the men at Park Gardens happy. He's got to satisfy the Scottish public.

"Looking ahead, I would hate to think that Scotland will fail to keep developing at the same rate as teams such as Switzerland. But it's certainly not going to get any easier."

ANDY ROXBURGH used 70 players during his seven years in charge of the national team. His record was:

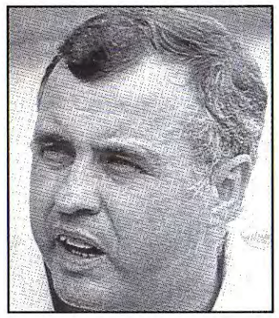
P 61 **W** 23 **D** 19 **L** 19

The full list of players, with their appearances under Roxburgh, is:

Roy Aitken **33**, Jim Bett **9**, Eric Black **2**, Scott Booth **4**, Davie Bowman **5**, Tommy Boyd **17**, Tommy Burns **1**, Steve Clarke **5**, John Collins **15**, John Colquhoun **9**, Robert Connor **2**, Davie Cooper **6**, Kenny Dalglish **2**, Gordon Durie **24**, Ian Durrant **9**, Derek Ferguson **2**, Duncan Ferguson **6**, Ian Ferguson **3**, Robert Fleck **4**, Kevin Gallacher **17**, Mike Galloway **1**, Gary Gillespie **2**, Andy Goram **25**, Richard Gough **36**, Peter Grant **2**, Bryan Gunn **4**, Alan Hansen **3**, Colin Hendry **2**, Brian Irvine **5**, Eoin Jess **3**, Mo Johnston **29**, Jim Leighton **29**, Craig Levein **12**, Murdo MacLeod **19**, Gary Mackay **4**, Maurice Malpas **43**, Gordon Marshall **1**, Gary McAllister **23**, Frank McAvennie **1**, Stuart McCall **23**, Brian McClair **30**, Ally McCoist **45**, Alan McInally **8**, Jim McInally **10**, Stewart McKimmie **22**, Alan McLaren **8**, Alex McLeish **33**, Davie McPherson **27**, Paul McStay **53**, Willie Miller **14**. David Narey **5**, Pat Nevin **16**, Charlie Nicholas **3**, Steve Nicol **16**, Phil O'Donnell **1**, David Robertson **2**, John Robertson **12**, Graeme Sharp **5**, Neil Simpson **2**, Henry Smith **3**, David Speedie **5**, Ray Stewart **3**, Gordon Strachan **13**, Paul Sturrock **1**, Andy Walker **1**, Nicky Walker **1**, Derek Whyte **6**, Ian Wilson **5**, Keith Wright **1**, Steve Wright **2**.

Paul McStay . . . Roxburgh's most-capped player.

MOTHERWELL going well



AT THIS RATE, we could have the League won by Christmas, says Motherwell manager Tommy McLean. He is by no means renowned for his humour, but his club's superb start to the season has clearly made him more relaxed.

McLean (above) is usually afflicted by the psychological burden of an annual battle to avoid relegation.

He knows that Motherwell will NOT win the title this season, but he will enjoy every minute of his club's current ascendancy, especially as not long ago a significant quota of supporters were calling for his resignation.

He has veteran midfielder Davie Cooper, Under-21 international Phil O'Donnell, and gritty striker Paul McGrillen in his squad.

In addition, he recently signed highly-regarded Paul Lambert from St Mirren and now has a squad with a resilient, battle-hardened look.

In tandem with Motherwell's unbridled progress, the Rangers juggernaut suffered acute engine failure during the season's early stages. There were three victories from the first nine League games — a record of mediocrity almost unheard of at Ibrox in recent times.

Long-term casualties Andy Goram and Ally McCoist are unavailable, but manager Walter Smith still has sufficient resources at his disposal to field a team capable of stifling challengers.

Defeat at home by newly-promoted Kilmarnock and successive draws against Dundee and Partick Thistle, both achieved thanks to an element of good fortune, have given Rangers an uncharacteristic look of vulnerability.

The pedestal on which they have been poised for so long now appears distinctly shaky.

Inevitably Rangers will come back to win the title for the sixth season in succession, but it does the likes of Kilmarnock and Partick no harm to achieve positive results at Fortress Ibrox.

Hibernian are reaping the benefits of a long-awaited resurgence in form.

In Kevin McAllister, a £245,000 close-season signing from Falkirk, they have a player capable of inspiring the team to greater heights.

McAllister's excellent performances helped fans forget the loss of Pat McGinlay to Celtic.

ALAN FAIRLEY

DUNCAN FERGUSON, the record-fee Rangers striker, was put on probation for a year after being convicted of assaulting a man in a public house.

Ferguson, said to have two previous convictions for similar offences, was severely warned regarding his future conduct.

Yorath keeps spirits up

A HEAVY ECHO of disappointment reverberated throughout Wales the morning after the dropped World Cup qualifying point against the RCS.

Past near-misses have been narrowed down to distinct moments — the notorious Jordan handball at Anfield, a debatable penalty for Scotland, floodlight failure against Iceland, etc. — and now we have the RCS free-kick.

All this seems rather premature and extremely pessimistic, for Wales still have two HOME ties to face, but Belgium hold the key.

They need a couple of points from a home tie against the RCS and one in Romania. Winning either would do Wales a favour, and winning both would result in eternal friendship!

Manager Terry Yorath seemed the least pessimistic, if not wholly optimistic about the outcome.

"Our chances are still as good as they were before the match . . . it's still up to us in the remaining games," he said.

On the domestic scene, Cwmbran Town are recovering well from their disappointing but extremely creditable performance in Europe, which had tended to affect their League form. They are in the top six, joining favourites Inter Cardiff, who are still working hard to gel as a unit and live up to their potential.

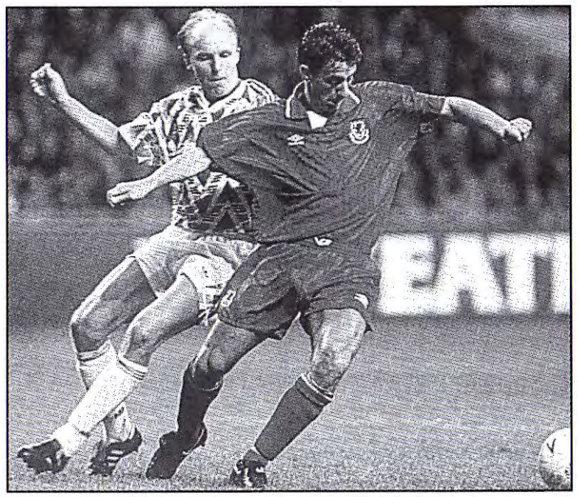
Ebbw Vale AFC went to the top with last term's leading scorer, Steve Woods, still doing the business for them. Bangor City also were among the front runners, as expected with many new close-season signings, and hopes are high for at least a European place.

CPD Porthmadog fans must have feared a start much like last season. Losing their first three games, two at home, had echoes of the horrendous pre-Christmas run last term, but a 1-0 win against champions Cwmbran seemed to give them the confidence needed.

Their next result was a 6-5 defeat at home against Llanelli AFAC, followed by a 6-3 win at Briton Ferry Athletic, with David Taylor netting three.

The Football League sides experienced a somewhat sticky start, with Swansea City the only team playing anything like last season.

MEL AP IOR THOMAS



Target America . . . Rush of Wales and Kadlec of RCS clash in the World Cup qualifier.

Erwin quits for a start

THE first managerial casualty in Northern Ireland came before the League campaign had even started.

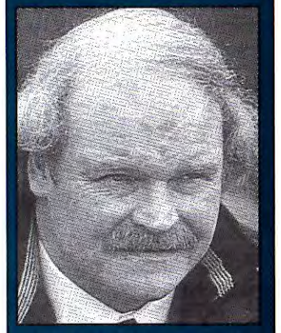
Larne's Gary Erwin, in charge for just over two seasons, resigned after a 4-0 home Gold Cup defeat by Glentoran.

He felt that he was no longer able to motivate the players to reach the standards of which they are capable.

Linfield became the first Irish League team for nine seasons to progress in a European Cup tie, though they would no doubt have preferred not to rely on a decision by UEFA that the champions of Georgia, Dinamo, had attempted to bribe the Turkish referee in the first leg of the preliminary round in Tbilisi.

Linfield lost 2-1 in the Georgian capital and drew 1-1 at Windsor Park, but as a result of Dinamo's indiscretion they were given a first-round tie against FC Copenhagen.

A 3-0 home victory in the first leg meant a happy night all round for the club, who have signed ex-Glentoran midfielder Raymond Campbell.



The other favourites to lift the Irish League title, Portadown, swept all before them in the first few weeks of the season, and manager Ronnie McFall (above) looks to have found a potent blend in a very short time.

The Cup-winners, Bangor, considered themselves somewhat unlucky to lose in the preliminary round to Apoel of Nicolsia. A goal conceded in the 1-1 home tie cost Bangor dear. They went down 2-1 away.

National team manager Billy Bingham, due to retire in December, saw his side create a record by winning three successive World Cup ties.

The 2-0 win over Latvia in Belfast was ruined as any sort of spectacle by a dreadful rainstorm, which made close control impossible.

ROY KITSON

The match that changed the game

November 25, 1953. Friendly international. Wembley.

ENGLAND 3

(Sewell 15, Mortensen 37, Ramsey 62 pen)

England:
Merrick *(Birmingham)*, Ramsey *(Spurs)*, Eckersley *(Blackburn)*, Wright *(Wolves)*, Johnston *(Blackpool)*, Dickinson *(Portsmouth)*, Matthews, Taylor, Mortensen *(Blackpool)*, Sewell *(Sheffield Wednesday)*, Robb *(Spurs)*.
Manager:
Walter Winterbottom.

HT: 2-4. **Att:** 100,000.
Ref: Horn (Hol).

HUNGARY 6

(Hidegkuti 1, 20, 56, Puskas 22, 29, Bozsik 55).

Hungary:
Grosics *(Honved)*, sub Geller *(Voros Lobogo, 80)*, Buzanszky *(Dorog)*, Lantos *(Voros Lobogo)*, Bozsik, Lorant *(Honved)*, Zakarias *(Voros Lobogo)*, Budai, Kocsis *(Honved)*, Hidegkuti *(Voros Lobogo)*, Puskas, Czibor *(Honved)*.
Manager:
Gusztav Sebes.

HALF A CENTURY of English insularity at last began to crumble on a dismal November afternoon 40 years ago. On that day, one of the greatest displays of soccer seen in this country, or any other, began a revolution.

The effects of England's 6-3 defeat by Hungary brought a change in tactics — quickly in some quarters, more slowly in the outposts where the myth of English superiority *still* held sway.

But eventually the view became widespread: the English, who had given the game to the world, were no longer its leading exponents. Changes had to be made.

The game today bears little relation to the game as played then. Levels of fitness, diet, ease of travel, even psychology, now have vastly more important roles. Most important of all, a fluid approach has replaced the hidebound old formation.

Now, every player is an all-purpose player. Then, the interchanging by the Hungarians was revolutionary — at least in a country that refused to recognise the possibility of others doing better than we could.

Hungary were a great team in the making before Wembley: once there, they reached a peak even they had not envisaged. Before that day they had won 25 and drawn six of their last 32 full internationals, including the 1952 Olympic title, which they were eligible to contest as ostensible amateurs playing for state-run teams. They had scored in every match they had played since November 1948 (and were to extend that run to June 1957).

Yet even that record did not alert an England who had been struggling to hold their unbeaten home record against Continental opposition. In 1950, after the historic defeat by the United States in the World Cup in Brazil, there was a 2-0 defeat by the Republic of Ireland at Everton, and a scrambled 2-2 draw against Yugoslavia.

In 1951 two late goals gained an undeserved win over Argentina, followed by a draw with France achieved by an own goal, and another draw against Austria, orchestrated by the nominal No. 5, Ernst Ocwirk, whose wanderings totally confused the home defence.

Three weeks before Hungary, a last-minute Alf Ramsey penalty had brought a 4-4 draw against a scratch Rest of Europe side, celebrating the FA's 90th anniversary with a splendid display despite arriving from various places, unrehearsed and with no common language.

Yet few people in the English camp had seen even one Hungarian, let alone Hungarians playing football, and a jingoistic press did little to sound alarms.

"The captain's name is Push-kash" was one patronising headline, almost as if the writer expected to see creatures coming down from the trees.

Instead, a packed Wembley — in the days when international matches were relatively rare events — saw creatures who might have come from another planet. The lithe, lively Hungarians kept possession, even by sending the ball 30 yards *towards their own goal.*

They interchanged positions, not at odd moments but constantly, bewildering spectators and opponents alike. And when the chance of a shot was on, they took it, from any range or angle.

Nandor Hidegkuti led the Hungarian Ramblers, wandering around and leaving his marker, Harry Johnston, unsure of whether to go with him or stay. As a result, gaps opened up, to be filled by others pouring through . . . and sometimes by Hidegkuti, whose hat-trick remains the last scored against England in England.

Jackie Sewell, England inside-left on the day, says: "We didn't know what shift we were on. That's a Notts expression, meaning you don't know what you're doing.

"Nobody had told us what to expect. We used to wait for Continental teams to get into the box before shooting. So when Hidegkuti hit one from 20 yards we were a goal down inside a minute. In half an hour we were 4-1 down, and shattered.

"It was as if somebody was pulling strings for them, everybody doing something at the same time. They'd play in a little triangle, then somebody would crack a pass right across to the opposite wing without even needing to look up. They were brilliant.

"Puskas? Nobody had a left peg like him. Bozsik? What a player!"

England skipper Billy Wright loves to talk about that match, despite the result.

"Hungary were the best team I played against, anywhere. They were a bit vulnerable at the back, but the forwards were so good that it didn't matter.

"Every shot was on target — very unusual then, as now. That's what made them such a great side.

"The first Puskas goal, when I was described as looking like a fire engine going to the wrong fire, was scored when he went down to the right byline.

"In our game, a player going there would cross the ball with his right foot. I went to anticipate the cross, but Puskas dragged the ball back with the sole of his left boot, swung round and hit the shot in between the keeper and his near post.

"I'd done what was natural. He'd done something brilliant and almost unknown in England."

Two goals in quick succession early in the second half left England four behind with half an hour to go. A penalty carefully rolled in by Ramsey, when he had every excuse for venting his frustration with an almighty thump, cut the deficit, but Hungary only had to go through the motions from then on, perhaps saving themselves for the after-match banquet.

"We couldn't get over how much they drank," says Sewell. "And smoked! They never stopped."

Push-kash and the others had earned the celebrations, if ever a team did. Although they lost the 1954 World Cup Final 3-2 to West Germany, after leading 2-0, that was only their second defeat in 41 matches, and they remain vivid in the memory as one of *the* great teams.

As the inquests raged, England manager Walter Winterbottom did his best to bring about improvement. Six of the Wembley 11, including debutants Ernie Taylor and George Robb, were never capped again; only Wright, Gil Merrick and Jimmy Dickinson appeared in England's next match, a 4-2 win over Scotland five months later, when Ronnie Allen and Johnny Nicholls were brought in to perform the Hidegkuti-Puskas double act.

They had helped to make West Bromwich (FA Cup-winners and League runners-up) into a mobile and vastly entertaining force, but they had only one more international together, a 1-0 defeat by Yugoslavia. Both were dropped for the next match . . . in Budapest.

Shortly before the team left for that match, FA secretary Sir Stanley Rous appeared on television and was asked his opinion of the outcome.

"We shall beat them," he replied, at his most condescending. Result: Hungary 7, England 1.

So England continued muddling through, handicapped by the diehards clinging to places on the international selection committee.

A lack of penetrating strikers doomed the 1954 World Cup effort, and the Munich air crash did the same in 1958. There was a flourishing flirtation with a 4-2-4 plan in the early 1960s, with Bobby Robson and Johnny Haynes making ample bullets for free-firing forwards, only for Garrincha's swerving shells to blow out hopes in the next World Cup.

Not until Ramsey eventually succeeded Winterbottom in 1963 did the national team move to a totally professional basis on the lines of those abroad.

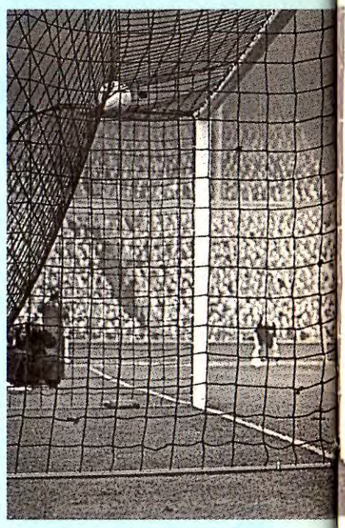
At club level post-1953, Manchester City reached successive Cup Finals with Don Revie as a deep-lying No. 9, but Wolves were even more successful. Their old long-passing style was good enough to earn them two successive championships, plus the FA Cup in 1960.

In the same year, however, with Wright having retired, Wolves were thrashed 9-2 on aggregate by Barcelona — Hungarian Sandor Kocsis scored four at Molineux — and realisation at last set in.

Since then, change has followed change: 4-2-4 giving way to 4-3-3, then to 4-4-2, even 4-5-1. Efficiency is all, individualism tends to be discouraged. Entertainment? Give me Push-kash, any day.

Preferably on the day of the match that changed the game.

DAVID PROLE



One out of six . . . Merrick and Eckersley look back in dismay as another Hungarian goal flies in.

Look, no gloves . . . Grosics goes up.

Almost a seventh . . . Johnston is just in time to clear (above right).

Record-breakers . . . Ferenc Puskas (captain), Gyula Grosics, Gyula Lorant, Nandor Hidegkuti, Jeno Buzansky, Mihaly Lantos, Jozsef Zakarias, Zoltan Czibor, Jozsef Bozsik, Laszlo Budai and Sandor Kocsis.

TIME'S TRAGIC TOLL

FATE has been less than kind to many of the 23 players who took part in that historic match at Wembley.

Six of the Hungarians and five of the English are dead, and not one of those 11 lived to 70.

Jozsef Zakarias was the first, in 1971 — just before the game's 18th anniversary. He was only 47.

Stan Mortensen was the most recent, in 1991, four days before his 70th birthday, ironically on the day Blackpool qualified for the promotion play-offs. This ensured their first appearance at Wembley since the Cup Final of 1953, when he scored three times.

In between, the Hungarians had lost Sandor Kocsis at 50 (in a fall from a hospital window), Jozsef Bozsik at 52, Laszlo Budai at 56, Gyula Lorant at 58 (of a heart attack while watching a match in Greece) and Mihaly Lantos at 61.

England's Harry Johnston died at 54, Jimmy Dickinson and Bill Eckersley at 57 (within a fortnight of each other), and Ernie Taylor at 59 (some years after he had lost a child in a road accident).

Sir Alf Ramsey, now in poor health, lives in Ipswich. Stanley Matthews is 78 — "Still light on my feet" — and living in Canada. Gil Merrick is in Birmingham, working as a personnel officer at 71.

Billy Wright and George Robb are living in London, Jackie Sewell in his native Nottingham after spending 13 years helping to develop soccer in Northern Rhodesia.

Of the Hungarians, Puskas, Grosics, Hidegkuti and Geller all live in Budapest, Buzansky in Dorog, and Czibor in Komarom, after spending many years in Barcelona. His son is a sports photographer there.

Earlier this year Buzanszky was elected to the Hungarian Football Federation executive committee.

Puskas, who had a spell as national team manager, now works for the HFF as a coach, and Hidegkuti acts as an HFF delegate at matches.

'I was described as looking like a fire engine going to the wrong fire'

Caps by the score and goals galore

THE match demonstrated the value of experience, but also showed the dangers of using too many veterans.

The Hungarian 12 had an average age of nearly 28, with Hidegkuti the oldest at 32 and Zakarias, Puskas and Lorant all 30.

Kocsis was the youngest at 25, followed by Budai and Czibor, all three having been born within two months of each other.

Sandor Geller, the substitute goalkeeper, played in only eight internationals, but the rest compiled the remarkable total of 660 matches for their country, with Bozsik playing 100 games, Grosics 86, Puskas 84, and Hidegkuti and Kocsis 68 each.

The scoring figures are outstanding, too — Puskas 83 goals, Kocsis 75, Hidegkuti 39, Czibor 17, Bozsik 11 and Budai 10.

In contrast, the England players had an average age of 30 and three months, with Matthews the oldest at 38 and Sewell the youngest at 26.

The team gained only 322 caps between them, 105 by Wright, 54 by Matthews and 48 by Dickinson, and scored only 43 international goals — Mortensen 23, Matthews 11, Ramsey, Sewell and Wright three each.

BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

Two in a row for the Colorado Foxes

THE winners of last year's APSL championship did it again, beating the Los Angeles Salsa 3-1 in the final.

A capacity crowd of over 10,000 at the Salsa's Fullerton Stadium saw the home team go within minutes of pulling off a remarkable upset.

Salsa, a brand new team, coached by former Brazilian national team player Rildo Menezes, nearly capped their first-ever APSL season by taking the championship.

The game was evenly-balanced, and — considering what was at stake — remarkably open, with both teams showing a refreshing enthusiasm for attacking.

Goalkeepers Mark Dodd for Colorado and Ian Feuer of Salsa were kept busy snaring crosses and beating out shots.

Two goals were scored in the first half — Paulinho for Los Angeles, Ted Eck (right) for Colorado — but both were ruled out for offside.

The speed of Philip Gyau on the Salsa left flank broke the deadlock after 66 minutes.

A long cross-field ball sent him scampering clear of the Foxes' defence; goalkeeper Dodd raced out of his area, but Gyau hurdled his challenge, and rolled the ball into the net.

Paulinho had a good chance to make it 2-0, but his shot was blocked by Dodd. At the other end, Boyd shot wide when well placed.

Colorado were clearly dominating as the game wound down, but the Salsa defence did a good job of blunting their attacks.

With five minutes left, Colorado coach David Dir replaced Scott Benedetti with Robert Lipp. The move proved decisive two minutes later when Lipp pounced on a loose ball, and whipped across a centre that somehow filtered through to Eck standing unmarked, eight yards from goal.

Eck's shot, well hit, was almost saved by Feuer, who leapt across his goal to turn the ball on to the post, but could not prevent it crossing the line.

In overtime, two things worked against the Salsa.

They were without Paulinho, their inspirational Brazilian midfielder, who had been substituted just before the Foxes levelled the game. And the Foxes were to prove that they were the fitter team.

The Salsa had their chance eleven minutes into the first overtime period. A lovely movement between Gyau and Karapetyan released Danny Pena in the Foxes' penalty area. But Pena — a defender — missed the chance.

Colorado went ahead four minutes later, a scrambled goal with Taifour Diane just beating Dodd to score.

The Salsa attacked with tremendous will in search of the equalizer. But their only reward was to give up a third goal as Diane muscled the ball away from Rob Ryerson and passed to Lipp for an easy tap-in.

A capacity crowd and a thrilling game had given an upbeat ending to the APSL season — but the future for the league remains decidedly clouded. The commissioner, Bill Sage, has been poached by the USSF to work on their own plans for a new pro league.

Sage was supposed to finish the season with the APSL before moving over, but phone calls to him at the league office during the week *before* the final received the bland answer that Sage "is no longer with this office."

The USSF plan is said to envisage a pro league starting up in 1995.

With the APSL looking anything but healthy, that leaves the distinct possibility that there may be no pro league at all in the US in 1994.

The USSF have been holding their pro league cards very close to their chest, revealing nothing about their plans. And evidently confident that they alone held the key to success.

That notion was always open to question. Firstly because it does not seem logical for the USSF to be involved in forming and running a pro league. And secondly because this is the US, where entrepreneurs cannot be kept on the sidelines if a good business opportunity is in the offing.

Enter Jim Paglia, marketing man and soccer fan. At the end of September he dropped his bombshell into the midst of the USSF's hitherto unchallenged assumptions.

He announced that he had the financial and corporate backing to start up a pro league. Quite separate from, and quite possibly in competition with, anything the USSF might be planning.

The USSF response was a measured statement from its president Alan Rothenberg, stating that: "If Mr Paglia has a quality business plan for the long-term success of professional soccer in the US with strong management and sufficient and secure financing, such a plan would undoubtedly be well received by everyone — the USSF, the World Cup Organising Committee, FIFA and, most importantly, the sports fans of the US."

That was the public, conciliatory attitude of the USSF. In private, rumour has it that the USSF big-wigs have steam hissing out of their ears.

Paglia says he discussed his idea with Rothenberg earlier this year, and that Rothenberg told him he should reveal all to the USSF.

He said he agreed — but only if the USSF would reveal details of their plan to him. That, says Paglia, was never done.

But Paglia has now released some of the details of his own plans. They call for a 12-team league, and they face up to a key problem: stadiums.

A new, 20,000-seat soccer stadium will be built in each city, or rather in the suburbs of each city. A special sort of stadium: each will be incorporated into a shopping mall complex to form an "integrated entertainment complex and marketing venture."

Cost of each stadium: $25 million. So the initial budget for the league operation includes $300 million for stadiums, plus another $180 million for league operations during its first three years.

At this stage nobody is willing to dismiss Paglia's ideas as fanciful. In a way, he has history on his side. Duplication has been virtually an endemic disease of American soccer ever since its birth. The USSF, of all people, should have known that. When the Americans first applied for FIFA recognition in 1912, there were two competing bodies seeking sanction. FIFA told them to get together to form one body.

When pro soccer arrived in 1966, there were actually three separate groups seeking FIFA sanction.

In 1967, two pro leagues operated: one — the NASL — was FIFA-sanctioned, the other — the NPSL — was a pirate league.

And in 1979 when the NASL got the idea that indoor soccer was a good idea, it was immediately challenged by the formation of the MISL.

If Paglia is serious, then an awkward situation is brewing. The USSF, backed by FIFA, can outlaw any league it doesn't approve of.

The USSF secretary-general has already reminded Paglia that "the bottom line is that all players and referees have to be registered with us".

But Paglia and the backers he claims to have might care to dispute that in a legal action.

This was what the pirate NPSL did in 1967 when it hit the NASL with an $18 million restraint-of-trade lawsuit.

When it became clear that the NPSL would likely win its case, it was settled out of court. And it is no secret that FIFA gets particularly short-tempered these days when soccer people take their disputes into the law courts.

PAUL GARDNER

APSL — *1993 Final Regular Season Standings*

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Vancouver 86ers	15	9	43	35	126
Colorado Foxes	15	9	40	34	121
Tampa Bay Rowdies	12	12	53	47	118
Los Angeles Salsa	12	12	41	37	109
Toronto Blizzard	10	14	35	41	96
Fort Lauderdale	9	15	39	52	93
Montreal Impact	11	13	33	26	90

6 points for a win in regulation or overtime; 4 pts for a shoot-out win, 2 pts for a shoot-out loss; 1 pt for each goal scored in regulation, up to a maximum of three.

Play-offs: Vancouver 2, Los Angeles 3 (s/o); Colorado 1, Tampa Bay 0.
Final: Los Angeles 1, Colorado 3 (o/t)

SEASON'S AWARDS
Most Valuable Player: Paulinho *(Los Angeles)*
Coach of the Year: Ken Fogarty *(Tampa Bay)*
Rookie of the Year: Jason Devos *(Montreal)*

APSL ALL-STAR TEAM
Goalkeeper: Paul Dolan *(Vancouver)*
Defenders: Robin Fraser *(Colorado)*, Danny Pena (Los Angeles), Mark Watson *(Vancouver)*, Patrice Ferri *(Montreal)*
Midfielders: Paulinho *(Los Angeles)*, Ivor Evans *(Vancouver)*, Paul Dougherty *(Tampa Bay)*, Ted Eck *(Colorado)*
Forwards: Paul Wright *(Los Angeles)*, Taifour Diane *(Colorado)*

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ERIC WEIL interviews a man notorious for one match among hundreds

Rattin remembers

THE organisers of the 1966 World Cup in England did their best to ensure that the hosts and West Germany met in the final, according to the most notorious of the players who took part in the tournament.

He is Ubaldo Antonio Rattin, then captain of the Argentina team, who was sent off during the quarter-final against England.

Rattin, now 56, accuses the authorities of trying to help bring about their "dream" final once the Brazilians had been eliminated.

"This was the last World Cup to be staged without satellite television coverage," Rattin told me.

"In order for it to be a financial success, the host nation had to get through to the final.

"So they put a German referee, Rudolf Kreitlein, in charge of our quarter-final against England, and an English referee, Jim Finney, in charge of the Germany-Uruguay quarter-final.

"I was sent off just for arguing, and four Uruguyans were sent off as well."*

Rattin's dismissal at Wembley, where he had been booked for an earlier foul, left his team a man short for almost an hour, but they lost only 1-0, to a goal by Geoff Hurst 13 minutes from time.

"After all the uproar had died down FIFA brought in the yellow and red cards for referees, in order to avoid problems with language," Rattin says.

"I was sent off because the referee said I was disputing his decisions, but I was only asking him to send for an interpreter."

Kreitlein could speak some English, but not Spanish: Rattin could speak Spanish but not English or German.

At first Rattin refused to leave the field, but he eventually did so.

"I went and sat on the red carpet that leads up to the royal box. I didn't mean to be disrespectful — the Queen wasn't there. But the spectators didn't like it. Some of them threw chocolates at me.

"Eventually I went to the dressing-room, with beer cans being thrown. A pity, that — I don't like English beer."

After the match, which had been marred by a succession of fouls, England manager Alf Ramsey prevented his players from exchanging jerseys with their opponents, and made his celebrated comments about "animals" in the Argentina team. But Rattin says: "Strangely enough, on the following day people kept asking me for my autograph, making signs showing that they thought I shouldn't have been sent off.

"Taxi-drivers refused to charge me, and I was offered free drinks in a pub.

"I wasn't upset at what Ramsey said. We were a team of real men. If we'd been called pansies I would have been annoyed. I don't have any hard feelings about Ramsey or his team."

Some people claim that Argentina were good enough to win the tournament that year, and that Rattin's dismissal cost them their chance.

"No way," he says. "We had a competitive team, but we had had some disastrous results before going to England, and we weren't good enough to have won the World Cup.

"We beat Spain 2-1 and then drew 0-0 with Germany despite having Jorge Albrecht sent off. Ermindo Onega gave Franz Beckenbauer the runaround all afternoon.

"Then we beat the Swiss to top our group, but that meant playing England on their own ground, in front of their own fans.

"We didn't really have a chance."

In 1966 Rattin was at the height of his playing powers, the last of the great Argentinian centre-halves, dominating in defence and still finding time and space to prompt attacks.

His appearance at Wembley was his 39th for his country — he had played against England in the 1962 World Cup in Chile — and he also appeared in the 1970 tournament in Mexico.

He was born and bred in the islands of the Parana River delta some 50 miles from Buenos Aires.

In his early teens he went to Boca Juniors for a trial, without his boots . . . and had to borrow a pair of gym shoes, because nobody else had boots that would fit his giant frame.

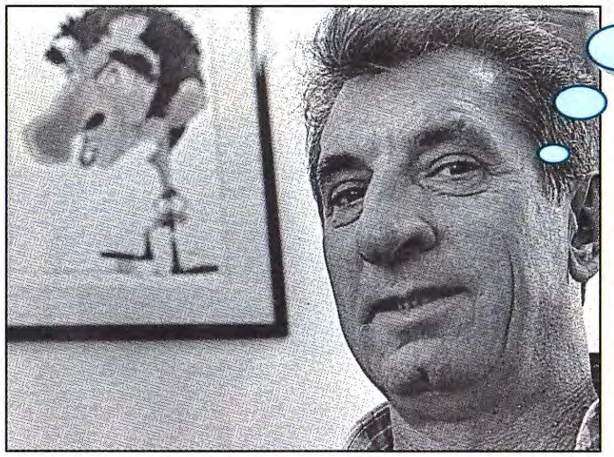
He signed and stayed for 15 years, using specially-made footwear, before retiring through injury at 33 after a record 357 League games for Boca.

Rattin turned to coaching with little success, but is now a successful insurance salesman, admitting that his name opens doors.

Although he says that his only exercise these days is getting in and out of his car, he carries little excess weight and is a more handsome figure than the skinny giant of the 50s and 60s.

He says that he loves England, and returns there whenever he can, but his one regret is that he has never learned the language.

If he had done, he might have talked himself out of dismissal that day at Wembley . . . and World Cup history might have been a lot different.



Rattin today, with a cartoon showing him as he was in his playing days, and (top) the fateful moment of his dismissal during the 1966 World Cup quarter-final at Wembley.

'They had to have an England v West Germany Final in 1966'

● *Rattin's memory was playing tricks during the interview. Two Uruguayans were sent off, not four, and referee Kreitlein was quoted as saying that he sent Rattin off for misconduct: "I do not speak Spanish, but the look on his face was enough."*

A NEW BOY FOR OLD BOYS

AFTER weeks of failing to decide — and frequently changing his mind — whether to return to professional football, Diego Maradona finally decided to sign for Newell's Old Boys of Rosario.

Other Argentine clubs in the hunt included San Lorenzo and Argentinos Juniors (the club who discovered Maradona more than 20 years ago).

Perhaps money talked. Newell's were reported to be offering four million dollars for a 10-month contract, plus a salary of $25,000 a month, all paid by a petroleum company.

Or perhaps it was the player's sudden desire to get into the national team after watching them being beaten 5-0 by Colombia in a World Cup qualifier a few days earlier, and hearing the crowd chanting for his return.

National team coach Alfio Basile was expected to make a number of changes and said Maradona's return was certainly a possibility if he regained fitness.

The pair appeared on a radio show and dismissed claims that they had been at daggers drawn.

"We are both hot-heads," said Basile, hinting that Diego may even be back in the sqad for the World Cup play-off games against Australia. Maradona, now 33, has always hoped to finish his career with popular local club Boca Juniors.

He played one season there before joining Barcelona, and was disappointed when they did not call after his return from Sevilla in June.

An Argentine sports magazine, *El Grafico*, gave a reason.

When Maradona was here last year during his suspension, for drugs offences, Boca president Antonio Alegre invited him to stay at his ranch near Buenos Aires. Maradona ran up a $9,000 phone bill which he "forgot" to pay.

The magazine said his wife, Claudia, did not want to miss her English lessons while away, and rang her teacher every day to take an hour long lesson over the phone.

ERIC WEIL

New boy . . . Diego Maradona will return to Argentina with Newell's Old Boys.

Colombia will be a credit to US '94 says ERIC WEIL

But the violence is horrifying

ARGENTINA'S longest unbeaten run, 31 internationals, was ended unceremoniously, but not unexpectedly, in Barranquilla, where Colombia beat them 2-1 in South American World Cup qualifying Group A.

Colombia's 5-0 win in the return in Buenos Aires was much more surprising, and almost put Argentina out of the World Cup. They have a second chance as Group A runners-up, in a play-off with Oceania zone winner Australia.

This was Argentina's worst home defeat since 1910 and stunned the soccer world as well as home fans.

The inquests are still going on, but Colombia should be a credit to next year's World Cup finals. During the last two South American Championships — in 1991 and this year — the general opinion was that they played the best soccer, and they showed it again in the World Cup qualifying games.

Colombia play what generally goes under the name of Brazilian football — ball control, dribbling skills, midfield build-ups — and they have some outstanding players, notably Faustino Asprilla, Freddy Rincon and Adolfo Valencia in attack, who had to take turns to play.

Asprilla walked out in a huff one day, then returned, because he was not getting a game. Then there was midfield playmaker Carlos Valderrama, slow but rarely putting a foot wrong in intelligent distribution.

Above all, Colombia try to hold on to the ball and never waste it with a rushed pass. They play an attacking game under coach Francisco Maturana, who says the players go on to the field to enjoy themselves.

For a long time good soccer did not bring goals — which may have cost them South American titles — and critics said this was due to lack of spirit.

In their last two group games they suddenly started scoring — 4-0 v Peru and then the 5-0 v Argentina. Will this streak continue into the World Cup?

Only Paraguay's physical game and "strong" defence blunted them. But there was a lot of luck involved in Paraguay's 0-0 draw against a much better team in Barranquilla, and the rain and wet pitch in Asuncion stopped Colombia from showing their best soccer in the later 1-1 draw.

These were the only points Colombia lost in six qualifying games.

Colombia's problem is off the field. After bearing Argentina 2-1, celebrations in Colombia resulted in 28 deaths, mostly caused by drunkenness, fights and traffic accidents. After their 5-0 win which gained a place in the World Cup finals, 78 deaths were reported and other figures mentioned were nearer 100, apart from numerous injured. One hates to think what would happen if Colombia won the World Cup.

As for Argentina, I have been insisting for a long time that they use the wrong tactics, especially in attack, with only two men up and far apart.

Gabriel Batistuta is consistently dangerous but is always heavily marked and has few chances.

In defence, captain Oscar Ruggeri — now Argentina's most capped player with 85 — is slowing down considerably. A lot was expected of Fernando Redondo in midfield, but he failed to reproduce the form he shows with Tenerife.

Argentina played below form all through the qualifying tournament, even struggling against Peru.

This was compounded in the disaster against Colombia, when coach Alfio Basile sent on a third forward for a midfielder in the second half, needing victory for an automatic qualifying place and fearing that a Paraguayan win against already eliminated Peru could keep his team out of the World Cup altogether. A 2-2 draw rescued Basile.

Argentina threw everything into attack and got in each other's way while leaving the defence uncovered. Colombia made it look so easy, scoring their last three goals in 10 minutes.

Earlier this year Basile had said he would pick different squads for the Copa America and World Cup qualifying games, following immediately afterwards, because it was impossible to keep one team in peak form for such a long period.

Argentina were one of the few at full strength in the Copa America, which they retained. Now Basile lamented that the team had gone stale.

Discipline remains a problem. Argentina, leading in yellow card and sendings-off, were left below full strength by suspensions in several games.

Paraguay, although with a qualifying chance until the last day, were not expected to be a threat because of their internal problems — changing coaches and rows over money.

There were reports from several countries that visiting delegations were abused and even attacked by home fans from the time they arrived to the time they left — at airports, on leaving hotels and at grounds (in Buenos Aires a phone threat started a bomb scare at the Colombian team's hotel).

But when Colombia left the field in Buenos Aires they were loudly applauded . . . and they certainly deserved it. They may have even done Argentina a favour by shaking them out of their complacency.

Old master . . . Carlos Valderrama celebrates Colombia's qualification.

Robocop!

PARREIRA tells of the pressure at the top

WHAT was it like being manager of a Brazil team beaten by Bolivia?

Why did he stick with Rai and Taffarel and keep Cafu and Palhinha on the bench?

Why was Romario banned for so long?

At Brazil's training camp in Teresopolis, Carlos Alberto Parreria told of the trials and tribulations of managing Brazil in a World Cup qualifying campaign.

WS: ***What did you go through after the defeat to Bolivia?***
CP: It was a very, very, very difficult period. Thank God that I have a good family and I am financially secure. If not, I wouldn't have been able to face everything. Sometimes I said to myself: is it really worth it? Do I want to go on? You have to be a kind of Robocop to do this job.

Brazil is living a crisis of negativism, socially, politically and economically, and soccer has become a safety valve. It is difficult for the players as well as myself.

I pulled them around and said: 'You have to believe in yourselves, you haven't suddenly become bad players overnight.' And they listened. If they hadn't, Brazil would not be in the finals.

It got to the point where we beat Bolivia 6-0 [in a World Cup qualifier in August] and one newspaper in Sao Paulo accused us of playing defensively. You can't take that sort of thing seriously.

We had a training session before the home gave against Ecuador and there were around 10,000 there. When [reserve goalkeeper] Zetti touched the ball, they cheered. When [first-choice goalkeeper] Taffarel touched the ball, they booed. It was hard to believe we were in Brazil.

Then there is the Rio-Sao Paulo rivalry. It existed when Mario Zagalo was manager in 1970 and it seems to be getting worse.

Another thing: when we play Germany or France, they attack. But other teams change when they face Brazil. The Ecuador manager made six changes. Venezuela pulled all 11 players back into defence.

WS: ***Why have you stuck by Rai in the face of so much criticism?***
CP: We don't have another player like Rai. When Careca left, I was able to replace him with Muller. But I don't have anyone who can stand in for Rai. He's an idol and if you have one, you have to field him. It gives the team something different. You can't leave someone like that out.

But I was on my own. The TV and newspapers were against having him in the team and people are easily influenced.

I stood up for Taffarel. He has played more than 70 times for Brazil at various levels. You can't throw experience like that out of the team.

Then the Press say that I am the only one who would put Dunga in the team. Yet Dunga is an excellent player who can pass the ball around. The manager has to be very strong.

WS: ***Why have you used Cafu and Palhinha so little?***
CP: Cafu is a good player but at the moment Jorginho is brilliant.

Palhina has a lot of potential but in the national team he suffers a lot of pressure. So we have to bring him on little by little. We have to be patient.

Dunga, Bebeto and Jorginho have been playing together since they were in the World Youth Cup in 1983.

WS: ***In the matches against Ecuador and Bolivia, you played with almost the same team who beat France and Germany last year, why did you struggle?***
CP: I said all along it was madness for us to play first the US Cup, then the Copa America, then the World Cup qualifiers. We had to form three national teams and keep the strongest for the qualifiers. The trouble is that players were very tired.

We knew there would be trouble and the team would improve drastically when we played the matches in Brazil. Because I am a magician? No. Because we would have time to train the team.

WS: ***Do Brazilian players change when they transfer to European clubs?***
CP: They come back better, more professional and more serious.

Outstanding . . . Brazil striker Palinha.

WS: ***Why was Romario kept out of the team for so long?***
CP: We had a very serious case of indiscipline but in a way it was a good thing. That is not to say that I wanted it to happen.

But he felt the pressure, he realised that he was not going to force his way into the team, and since then he has behaved well, and we have not had any trouble with other players.

WS: ***Do you think FIFA should prohibit matches at altitude?***
CP: It's not human to make teams play at 3,700 metres above sea level. Bolivia have improved technically in the last 20 years but altitude is still their main weapon.

To be fully prepared for a game, you have to arrive 21 days in advance and we couldn't do this. I spoke to a lot of doctors and they said the second best option was to arrive five days before.

All the talk about altitude created panic among the players. It affected their minds and it affected me. All the newspapers had interviews with specialists saying what was going to happen and, in the end, the players were frightened to play.

The trouble is that if FIFA say you can't play at altitude, people will say "you can't play when the temperature is above 30 degrees or below minus five," so FIFA are afraid to take action.

BRIAN HOMEWOOD

SANTANA LASHES OUT AGAIN

FEW have done as much for Brazilian football as Sao Paulo manager Tele Santana, but he is not everyone's cup of tea.

Santana, who mounted Brazil's magnificent 1982 World Cup campaign, has never been afraid to speak his mind, and his comments have ruffled numerous feathers.

The managers of Palmeiras and Corinthians, Sao Paulo's two main local rivals, are the latest on his hit list.

Santana let loose at Palmeiras manager Vanderlei Luxemburgo after their teams met in the Ramon Carraza tournament in Spain. Palmeiras won 2-1, Ronaldo and Dinho of Sao Paulo were sent off, and Santana accused Palmeiras of initiating the violence.

"They kicked our players and didn't play football," he protested, adding he would be ashamed to celebrate a win in such circumstances. Luxemburgo replied: "I always respected older people but I want to be respected as well. His position shows a lack of respect."

Santana was accused of ignoring Luxemburgo's handshake next day, when the two met in the stadium after Sao Paulo lost to Atletico Madrid.

"I don't like thieving referees and teams which use violence. I can't think of anything positive which Luxemburgo has done for Brazilian football. He's a nobody," fumed Santana, who denied ignoring the handshake.

Back in Brazil he let loose at Mario Sergio, a former international forward who took over at Corinthains after a long spell as a TV commentator.

Mario Sergio has not forgiven being overlooked by Brazil when Santana was in charge and he never missed an opportunity to criticise Santana's teams when he was commentating.

Santana fired the first shot in the week leading up to a Brazilian championship match between their teams, when he said: "This will show Mario Sergio that football is not just about grabbing a microphone and criticising others."

Mario Sergio responded: "He's 60 and I'm 40. He may be a better manager than me, but I have no doubt that I was a better player and commentator.

"At this rate, he will end up alone in the Sao Paulo training centre, slagging off everyone. He won't even be able to get along with his own family."

Those expecting a fight were surprised when the two made up before the match in the Morumbi stadium, shaking hands and hugging.

But there appeared to be no making up with Mario Zagalo. Brazil's assistant manager, who spoke of a sinister campaign.

Why was it, he asked, that wherever the Brazil team went, they heard chants of Santana's name?

He suggested an orchestrated campaign, and then, without naming names, mentioned the 1982 and 1986 World Cups which, he reminded us, Brazil did not win.

Others to have felt Santana's fury recently included CBF president Ricardo Teixeira, Sao Paulo Federation president Eduardo Jose Farah, referee Jose Aparecido de Oliveira, and winger Renato, axed by Santana on the eve of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Outspoken . . . Sao Paulo's Tele Santana (left) called Palmeiras coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo (below) a nobody and was then criticised by Brazil's assistant manager Mario Zagalo (below right).

Reprieved **Romario** makes such a difference

"ROMARIO, Romario, Romario, it was him, it was him," screeched the *Radio Tupi* commentator. "The people wanted him. The people were right."

Romario could not have made a more dramatic return to the international stage. After nearly nine months out for indisciplines, he celebrated his reprieve with a superb performance against Uruguay, capped by the two goals which guaranteed Brazil's place in the 1994 World Cup.

In the first minute he flicked the ball over a bemused defender. In the ninth, he raced between two defenders to reach Rai's through pass and lobbed goalkeeper Roberto Siboldi, only to see his shot hit the crossbar.

Six minutes later, Siboldi's save stopped his header from going in. In the very next move, he appeared to be pushed in the penalty area but nothing was given.

The show went on. His next trick was to trap a pass and flick the ball through a defender's legs in one move, only to shoot wide. Three minutes later, a dribble in which he beat three Uruguayans. Again his shooting let him down.

Then came the goals, leading manager Parreira to comment: "Romario's a genius. He showed that today. His second goal was a marvel. He's one of the best forwards in the world."

Yet the same Parreira had kept out Romario after the incident last year, when he rebelled at being told he was not in the starting line-up for a friendly against Germany.

Parreira, vilified for not bringing him in earlier, took move flak after the game. Romario's goals proved he had been wrong, said the critics. But did they?

What would have happened if Romario had been allowed to shout his way into the team against Germany? He went on as a substitute in that game and did nothing. A more generous view would be that Parreira pulled a masterstroke by putting Romario on against Uruguay.

Romario, after all, is the type of player who revels on a big stage. Bringing him on in La Paz, at 12,500 feet above sea level, or against the lightweight Venezuelans may have turned the comeback into a flop. But a potentially decisive game against Brazil's arch rivals at Maracana was ideal.

Brazil's qualification, which was assured only in the last 20 minutes, lifted a tremendous weight off Parreira, who had lived the last three months under the threat of being the first manager to fall to take Brazil to the finals. He had already "gone down in history", as one paper put it, when Brazil lostin Bolivia, their first World Cup qualifying defeat. For that, he was victim of an often cruel campaign.

Outnumbered . . . Brazil's Romario is sandwiched between two Uruguayan defenders.

Brazil dropped only one more point, away to Uruguay, in their remaining games, but that did not stop the criticism.

When the delegation arrived at Montevideo airport to catch their flight back to Brazil, they were met with demonstrators chanting "Get out Parreira."

There was more trouble in Sao Paulo during the Ecuador game — not on the pitch, where Brazil won 2-0 — but in the stands, where the crowd chanted the names of Tele Santana and Sao Paulo players Cafu and Palhinha.

Brazil were given a respite from the jeering in Recife, where they thrashed Bolivia 6-0, but the whistles returned in Belo Horizonte, despite a 4-0 win over Venezuela. Romario's inclusion ensured a warm reception in Rio for the Uruguay match.

Zero in history

THAT stunning 5-0 victory in Argentina enabled Colombia to qualify for the World Cup Finals for the third time.

More than the statistics — Colombia's largest international victory and current unbeaten record stretching to 20 games — it was a crushing humiliation for Argentina, and for Diego Maradona.

After the bruising first encounter in Barranquilla, the tension was naturally high for a game with so much at stake. Things were not helped by Maradona's view: "Colombia can't break history. We Argentines have to continue as we are. Argentina on top, Colombia underneath."

After the game one particular multi-national company took full-page advertisements in the Colombian media with a picture of Maradona captioned: "Diego Armando; zero in history."

For Colombian full-back Luis "Chonto" Herrera, the joy turned to temporary despair several days later when his three-year-old son was kidnapped in Medellin. After 24 hours, which Herrera described as the worst of his life, the boy was recovered and two men were arrested.

The victory also provided the impetus for transfers. Top goalkeeper Oscar Cordoba has joined America Cali from city rivals Deportivo, and No. 2 keeper Farid Mondragon signed for Argentinos Juniors on loan from Deportivo Cali.

Freddy Rincon has made a curious move to Boca Juniors. The loan deal is designed to keep Rincon for a move to Europe later in the season.

The rumour mill in Bogota also suggests that Argentina's chief tormentor, Carlos Valderrama, may be in River Plate's plans.

KEITH SMITH

INTERNATIONAL referee Luis Marin, suspended by the Colombian FA with 13 other officials — for unexplained reasons — has made some damning accusations.

"Club directors fix matches, but if I gave names my life would be in danger," he said.

"I've already been threatened. I've often been offered money to favour certain clubs, and FA officials know about it."

While Colombian soccer goes from strength to strength internationally, it continues to be tainted by scandals at home.

Drugs traffickers hold controlling shares in a number of clubs. In 1989 the championship was stopped when gunmen killed a referee, Alvaro Ortega, after a game.

In 1991, Millonarios vice-president Guillermo Gomez escaped an assignation attempt, and Independiente president Antonio Mesa resigned after receiving death threats.

Several players are under investigation for their links with drug cartels, while international goalkeeper Rene Higuita is still in jail awaiting trial for alleged involvement in a kidnapping.

In Bogota, Millonarios and Santa Fe have gone Brazilian and Bolivian respectively with reinforcements.

Millos have bought Neto, the 27-year-old Brazilian international, to provide some midfield quality, and Junior Da Silva who has been in Italy and Switzerland.

Across the city, Santa Fe have signed two young Bolivian internationals, forward Jaime Moreno and Juan Manuel Penara, a defender. Both come from Bolivian club Blooming.

Junior Barranquilla, Independiente Medellin and Millonarios are at the top, but the real scramble is evolving at the bottom.

Last-placed Tolima have their fourth coach of the year, with the departure of Arturo Boyaca (who subsequently became Santa Fe's third of the year after the Bogota club sacked Roberto Perfumo).

CHILE are banned from the next World Cup, so their league is being contested by full-strength teams.

Union Espanola topped the standings by two points over Universidad de Chile after nine games. Striker Juan Carreno had been in fine form.

Universidad Catolica were bottom with only one win, and stopped coach Ignacio Prieto from accepting an offer to coach the national team, but denied that it was because the FA had refused to let them play in Tenerife as part of Peruvian defender Jose Del Solar's transfer, which they say lost them $150,000.

Union Espanola coach Nelson Acosta, a Uruguayan, was given the job on a temporary basis.

ECUADOR are the only other South American country apart from Colombia to carry on the First Division championship without internationals on World Cup duty.

Champions Barcelona, with eight men in the squad, were doing remarkably well with reserves, and were joint leaders of one group.

The championship is being played in two stages and teams already had a chance of qualifying for the final round from the first stage — as Barcelona did.

RESULTS

CHILE
First Division
After 9 games: 1) Union Espanola 14pts; 2) Universidad de Chile 12; 3) Colo Colo (one game less), O'Higgins (one game less), Cobreloa 11; 6) Antofagasta, Coquimbo Unido 10; 8) Temuco, Melipilla, Everton 8; 11) Osorno (one game less), Palestino 7; 13) Universidad Catolica, La Serena (one game less) 6; 15) Concepcion, Deportes Iquique 4.

COLOMBIA
Closing Championship
1) At. Junior, Independentie Medellin 38pts; 3) Millonarios 35; 4) Nacional 33; 5) Once Philips (Caldas), Bucaramanga 32; 7) Pereira 31; 8) America 30; 9) Huila, Deportivo Cali 29; 11) Union Magdalena, Envigado 26; 13) Quindio 23; 14) Independiente Sante Fe 22;15) Cucuta 21; 16) Tolima 19.

ECUADOR
First Division *(2nd stage — after 8 games)*
Group 1: 1) Barcelona, Valdez 10; 3) Deportivo Quito 9; 4) Aucas 8; 5) Tecnico Universitario 6; 6) Green Cross 5.
Group 2: 1) Cuenca 11; 2) Nacional, Liga de Quito 9; 4) Delfin 8; 5) Emelec 7; 6) Santos 4.

MEXICO
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Group 1							
Univ. Guadalajara	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Univ. Nuevo Leon	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Necaxa	2	1	1	0	6	5	3
Santos	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Puebla	3	0	0	3	3	7	0
Group 2							
Univ. Aut. Mexico	4	2	0	2	8	5	4
Morelia	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Leon	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
Queretaro	3	0	1	2	3	10	1
Atlante	4	0	0	4	1	7	0
Group 3							
Toluca	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Cruz Azul	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Tamaulipas	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
America	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Veracruz	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Group 4							
Monterrey	4	3	1	0	11	6	7
UA Guadalajara	4	3	1	0	6	4	7
Guadalajara	3	2	1	0	8	4	5
UT Neza	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Atlas	4	1	2	1	4	3	4

HONDURAS
First Division
After 3 games: 1) Real Maya 5 pts; 2) Deportivo Progreseno 4; 3) Motagua, Olimpia 3; 5) Marathon, Victoria, Platense 2; 8) Petrotela; Real Espana, Vida 1.

CENTRAL AMERICA

MEXICO

Keeper is joint top scorer

THE Mexican First Division was all upside down after the first month.

International and UNAM goalkeeper Jorge Campos — who likes playing in attack and does so frequently — was joint top scorer with Argentinian Sergio Veridirame on four goals, while last season's champions, Atlante, were bottom after losing their first four games.

Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and Monterrey both had seven points out of eight.

GUATEMALA

SUCHITEPEQUENZ won the Guatemala Cup with a 2-1 "sudden death" extra time victory against Mictlan. They had beaten Chiquimulilla 2-0 in one semi-final, while Mitlan got past Aurora 4-3 in the other.

THE first CONCAFAF Under-20 Cup, played in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was won by Colombia, but not without protests from second-placed Costa Rica.

The tournament was supposed to be for amateurs, but Puerto Rica fielded pros living in the US — as they did in the World Cup qualifying tournament last year.

THE CONCACAF Champion Clubs Trophy, difficult to follow because matches are played in the same round on different days, has six teams left — Luis Angel Firpo (El Salvador), Motagua (Honduras), Municipal (Guatemala), Alajuelense (Costa Rica), Leon (Mexico) and Saprissa (Costa Rica).

Saprissa unexpectedly eliminated Puebla (Mexico) on penalties after two draws.

FOOT NOTES

● CARLOS BABINGTON, the former Argentinian international midfielder — nicknamed "El Ingles" for no other reason than that he has an English surname — has become Racing Club's 52nd coach since they last won the championship 27 years ago.

Babington had just taken Banfield to the National B Division title.

Racing Club's former coaches include current national coach, Alfio Basile, who was also with the club as a player.

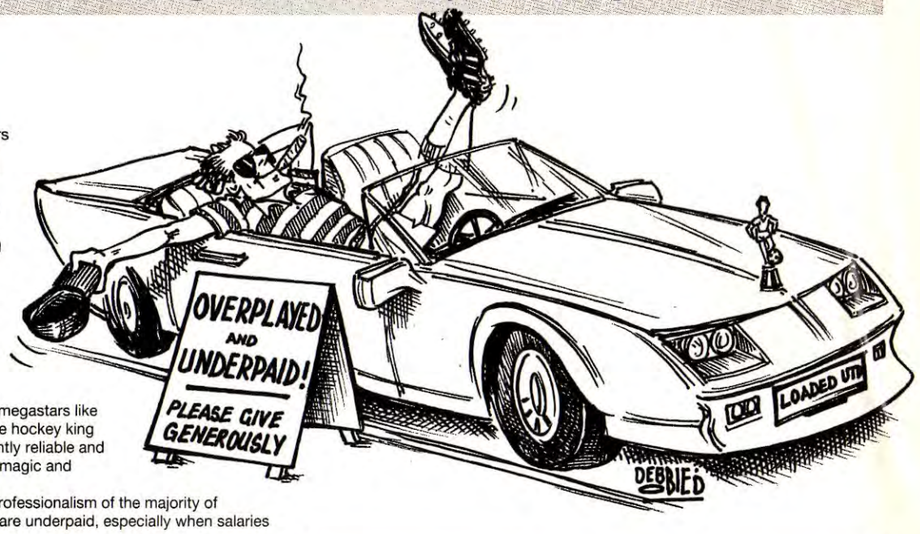
● PELE seems to have given up his aspirations to the presidency of Brazil and set his sights somewhat lower. He now wants to become president of the Brazilian Soccer Confederation.

● JORGE ARAVENA, the former Chilean international and leading scorer with Puebla in Mexico for several seasons, has retired at 35, and wants to take up coaching.

BROOKING TALKBACK

BBC Radio and TV commentator TREVOR BROOKING, the former England midfielder, answers your letters. . .

Money for nothing



DEAR TREVOR — I disagree with Gary Lineker's comment that footballers are underpaid. Hogwash. Players like Paul Gascoigne and Diego Maradona are paid a king's ransom to be unfit, overweight, unreliable and undisciplined.

Can you imagine someone getting a pay rise up to £12,000 a week for playing half a season off form and the other half injured while leading the team to relegation? Just ask Stuart Pearce.

People always compare with the American sports scene, where the pay is way over the top, to show that footballers actually get chicken-feed. Yes, I agree that the money there is obscene but what can one expect when megastars like basketball wizard Michael Jordan and ice hockey king Wayne Gretzky are all super-fit, consistently reliable and always deliver the goods with a touch of magic and genius for effect?

Until footballers can achieve the high professionalism of the majority of American sports, they cannot claim they are underpaid, especially when salaries are constantly rising.

— DANNY LIM TENG KIANG, Melaka, Malaysia.

● I AGREE with your comments about wages. Now there is no real basis for suggesting footballers are still underpaid. Second or Third Division players would point out this does not apply further down the scale, but if we are looking at the top level then the rewards have become very lucrative.

I am amazed at the massive growth over the past decade. I never anticipated clubs being able to afford to pay individuals the sums they are now doing. Some people might say they can't!

Your other criticism seems to centre more on the better general behaviour of American sportsmen compared with some home footballers. Clubs should guide players on the importance of public relations, and how to deal correctly with both media and supporters. They are public figures who influence thousands of young fans, and success on the sporting field is only part of their responsibility.

German garbage

DEAR TREVOR — I was stunned by Pierre Littbarski's claim that West Germany should have seen off Italy without any problems in the 1982 World Cup Final. What utter garbage!

The Germans were a disgrace in that tournament. They were flattened by outsiders Algeria in the first game, and their subsequent victory over Austria was 100 times worse than Maradona's "hand of God" goal.

Both countries should have been disqualified. And nobody forgets how lucky they were to beat France, with a little dubious assistance from Littbarkski's friend Toni Schumacher.

At least Italy played some attractive football, in comparison with the West German victory in 1990, where their three goals from the quarter-finals onward came from two penalties and a deflected free-kick.

— A. STREET, Fairfield Q 4104, Australia.

● I WAS in Spain in 1982, and by the latter stages of the tournament Italy were definitely a better side than West Germany.

Originally Brazil looked to be the strongest and they were expected to come through a group involving Argentina and Italy.

But Rossi suddenly started scoring and transformed a fairly average-looking side into one full of confidence and determination.

In the final they were really buzzing and thoroughly deserved to win.

Pick of the bunch

DEAR TREVOR — We have been having an argument or two down at my club. Imagine you were manager of a Premiership team, with unlimited money to spend on one player, but only one.

Which player would you choose, bearing in mind age, experience, temperament and possible need to adapt to a new country?

— GAVIN SELLARS, Worple Road, London.

● THIS is the sort of question that leads to endless arguments. As it is a Premiership side, I think he would have to be British so as there were no problems on adapting to a different style etc. Results are important, but I would go for a midfielder or an attacking player, as they would provide entertainment and excitement for the supporters too.

In the end I plump for Ryan Giggs. Although only 19 he appears to have strength in abundance, and with such skill and composed temperament he can only get even better.

Best of Baggio?

DEAR TREVOR — Which is Roberto Baggio's best position — midfield or forward? He scored 21 Serie A goals last season, but he can make goals as well as score them.

Italy have a lot of good forwards, and a lot of good midfielders too. Baggio must be in their side, but where?

— PAOLO NATALIZI, Johannesburg, South Africa.

● YOU have probably answered the question when you mention his 21 Serie A goals last season. There are very few such gifted individuals, and the ability to score so consistently against quality opposition is an exceptional skill.

He could be equally as threatening playing behind two other strikers, but he must always have that freedom to push forward in search of goals — something Juventus and Italy want to capitalise on regularly.

Able Abel

DEAR TREVOR — Abel Balbo of Argentina broke the Udinese scoring record last season, with 21 goals. Why doesn't the coach, Alfio Basile, pick him for the national squad?

— CHING JIM WEI, Sabah, Malaysia.

● IT IS the same old story of the differing opinions football always produces. There are many examples throughout the world where talented players are ignored by their national managers.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

UNITED STATES: A repeat concert, featuring top tenors Pavarotti, Domingo and Carreras (as at Italia '90) is confirmed for the 1994 finals as well. This time the venue will be Dodgers Stadium, New York, on July 16 — the opposite side of the country to the World Cup Final the following day.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

ACTION: Sweden lose 2-1 at home in a friendly to Switzerland . . . results in the Conmebol Cup include a 4-2 victory for Colo-Colo of Chile at home to Vasco da Gama of Brazil.

AUSTRALIA: The Aussie World Cup squad end a 24-hour pay revolt by agreeing a 300 per cent rise in bonuses with the federation.

FRANCE: Leaders Nantes are held goalless at home by Marseille.

PORTUGAL: Cup-holders Benfica beat champions FC Porto 1-0 in Lisbon in the first leg of the Supercup.

UNITED STATES: Bill Sage, commissioner of the American Professional Soccer League for the past two years, hands in his notice after agreeing to join the USSF in October with special responsibility towards launching a national competition in 1995.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

FRANCE: Xavier Gravelaine, last season's attacking revelation, is dropped from the World Cup squad to face Sweden . . . the Federation says that hearings with those implicated in the Marseille scandal will take place on August 27 and 28.

ITALY: Roma striker Claudo Caniggia has his one-year ban from Italian soccer for failing a drugs test on cocaine confirmed by the international federation, FIFA.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

BRAZIL: A judge in Sao Paulo rules against Pele in a paternity case brought by a woman who claims she had a brief fling with him 30 years ago.

DENMARK: Silkeborg sell international defender Jakob Kjeldjerg to Chelsea for £400,000.

FRANCE: Judge Bernard Beffy, investigating the Marseille scandal, raids the office of the newspaper *Le Point* to listen to three tapes of an interview with former Socialist Minister Jacques Mellick, who has provided Bernard Tapie with an alibi on the day he is alleged to have tried to persuade Boro Primorac, then Valenciennes coach, to take full blame for the scandal.

ITALY: Milan forward Gianluigi Lentini leaves hospital 11 days after being injured in a late night car crash. Milan officials say they expect him to be in contention for a first-team place by the end of September.

SWITZERLAND: Germany are named No. 1 in the world according to a national team league table compiled by FIFA and based on results — with contributory factors — compiled over the past five years. Italy are second. Surprisingly, Switzerland are third.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

ACTION: Barcelona win the pestigious Trofeo Teresa Herrera in La Coruna, beating Sao Paulo 1-0 in the final. La Coruna beat Lazio on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the third place play-off . . . Bernd Schuster inspires Leverkusen to a 2-1 win over Bayern Munich in Germany.

ALGERIA: Algeria are banned from the finals of the African Nations Cup for fielding an ineligible player, Karouf Mourad, in a 2-1 win in Senegal, when he was under suspension.

GERMANY: National captain Lothar Matthaus is reported ready to consider a transfer to Japan after next year's World Cup finals.

ITALY: Perugia coach Ilario Castagner is told to rest for at least a week after being attacked by hooligans after a pre-season training session.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Brazil cling to hope with a 1-1 draw in Uruguay and Australia beat Canada on penalties in the CONCACAF/Oceania play-off . . . new signing Frank Rijkaard of Ajax opens the scoring in the new Dutch season when he nets after 2min 35sec against RKC . . . the Romanian season opens in explosive style with champions Dinamo beaten 3-0 by old rivals Steaua.

SPAIN: For the first time in years, the prestigious Teresa Herrera tournament reports a loss of £12,000.

ANTHONY YEBOAH . . .

PLAYER of the MONTH

Ghanaian striker whose goal-laden start to the season suggests that Eintracht Frankfurt may, at long last, be on their way back to championship success in Germany.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

COLOMBIA: Parma's Faustino Asprilla walks out on the Colombian World Cup squad without apparent explanation. The Federation say he will be banned for life from the national team.

FRANCE: Magazine reports claim Marseille tried to fix a match last year against Nantes.

SPAIN: Barcelona's Michael Laudrup makes his peace, after nearly three years, with Denmark manager Richard Moller Nielsen and prepares for a return to the World Cup squad . . . Tenerife loan Argentine midfielder Pizzi to Valencia for a year.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA fine Bolivia and Brazil £12,000 each for a lack of care over the case of the dope test confusion involving national team players Rimba (Bolivia) and Zetti (Brazil).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

COLOMBIA: Faustino Asprilla has his apologies accepted and is reintegrated into the World Cup squad.

ITALY: Milan beat Real Madrid in a friendly in the Stadio Meazza.

URUGUAY: Luis Cubilla quits as national manager. Former aide Ildo Maneiro is appointed replacement.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

CHILE: Universidad de Chile deny reports of negotiations with Diego Maradona. In a statement, the club says: "We would not take Maradona even as a free gift."

SPAIN: Ray Vallecano buy Mexican veteran Hugo Sanchez from America of Mexico City . . . Sevilla borrow Spain defender Soler from Barcelona for a year . . . Tenerife complete the signing of Peru's Percy Olivares too late for him to line up in the first rounds of the UEFA Cup.

ZAMBIA: Swiss-based international Johnson Bwalya says he is aware of increasing concern that sabotage was to blame for the air crash in which the World Cup squad was wiped out.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

BRAZIL: World club champions Sao Paulo complete the loan purchase of Brazil defender Leonardo from Spain's Valencia for the next eight months.

RUSSIA: Spartak midfielder Dimitri flies to Spain to sign for Santander.

SPAIN: Romania international Gavrila Balint is forced to quit soccer — and, of course, the Burgos club — by a knee injury.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Panathinaikos win the Supercup by defeating neighbours and champions AEK 1-0.

HOLLAND: Ajax's new international Peter Van Vossen is taken to hospital amid fears of a thrombosis in a leg. Similar health problems kept Van Vossen out of the 1992 European Championship finals.

ISRAEL: Maccabi Tel-Aviv buy Cameroon World Cup forward Cyril Makanaky from Spanish minor club Villarreal.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona is reported close to a comeback agreement with Argentinos Juniors, his original professional club, which would earn him £750,000-a-year.

UNITED STATES: Milan beat Torino 1-0 in Washington in the specially-exported Italian Supercup. Simone scores the decisive goal after only four minutes.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

ACTION: Brazil beat Ecuador 2-0 to regain confidence in the World Cup qualifiers in South America. Victories, also, for Argentina and Bolivia. Paraguay draw 1-1 with Colombia.

CHILE: More than 70 fans are hurt when a stand partially collapses in Santiago during a friendly, in front of a 66,000 crowd, before Colo Colo and Real Madrid (Colo-Colo won 2-0).

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

FRANCE: Argentine midfielder Jorge Burruchaga, one of the three Valenciennes players who took the infamous phone call from Marseille's Jean-Jacques Eydelie, says that

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

BOLIVIA: Fury erupts among officials and media in reaction to suggestions that FIFA may prohibit World Cup qualifiers being played at more than a certain altitude.

FRANCE: Jorge Burruchaga and Bernard Tapie both refuse to attend the Federation's inquiry into the Marseille scandal.

GERMANY: Big-spending Borussia Dortmund are sensationally beaten 1-0 at home by Second Division Carl Zeiss Jena in the German Cup.

SPAIN: Barcelona open their traditional pre-season Gamper Trophy event with a 4-0 defeat of Hajduk Split. New boy Romario scores a hat-trick. Barsa club captain Jose Ramon Alexanco plays for one formal minute and then walks off to a standing ovation and retirement.

GERMANY: Stuttgart have two players sent off in crashing 6-2 after extra time to Kaiserslautern in a second round Cup tie.

HOLLAND: A group of Dutch MPs protest that famine aid money sebt to Zambia by the government was allowed to be switched into supporting the Zambian national team's World Cup effort.

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SWITZERLAND: Pierre-Albert Chapuisat, former Swiss international and father of the Borussia Dortmund star, is suspended for three months for harassing a referee after a promotion play-off at the end of last season.

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona is told that no application for a US visa can be considered while he is still the subject of legal proceedings in Argentina and Italy.

ENGLAND: Peter Reid is dismissed as player-manager of Manchester City.

COLOMBIA . . .

PLAYER of the MONTH

for the remarkable 5-0 victory in Argentina which carried them to the World Cup finals in the United States.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

ACTION: Michael Laudrup makes his long-awaited comeback for Denmark in the 4-0 World Cup win over Lithuania . . . Austria beat Finland 3-0.

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ENGLAND: Brian Horton is surprise choice as new manager of Manchester City.

FRANCE: Monaco and Marseille draw 0-0.

SPAIN: The average top division attendance last season is revealed as 22,117. Real Madrid were top with a 75,053 gate followed by Barcelona on 62,105 and Valencia on 31,105.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

ACTION: Ten policemen are injured trying to break up fighting between rival hooligans at the 2-0 home victory for Paris Saint-Germain against Caen . . . Eintracht Frankfurt go top, ahead of Bremen and Leverkusen on goal difference, after winning 5-1 away to Nurnberg . . . champions Porto remain without a victory in two games after losing 1-0 away to Maritimo . . . Scottish champions Rangers lose 2-1 at home

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

ACTION: Brazil thrash Bolivia 6-0 to take World Cup revenge; Uruguay beat Venezuela 4-0; Argentina hit a snag as they are held goalless at home by Paraguay . . . Ghana, Nigeria, Chile and Poland reach the semi-finals of the World Under-17 Cup in Japan . . . Ajax stay top in Holland after winning 1-0 away to Vitesse Arnhem. Roda are second in goal difference . . . Zvonimir Boban scores the decisive lone goal which brings champions Milan victory at Lecce on the opening day of the new season . . . Benfica are jeered off the pitch in Lisbon after being held 1-1 by 10-men Estoril.

FRANCE: The Interior Ministry appoints a football security officer in the wake of Saturday's hooligan trouble in Paris.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

ENGLAND: Stuart Pearce is recalled to England's World Cup squad as captain against Poland after recovering from injury and the upset of Nottingham's Forest relegation.

FRANCE: Police leaders call for government and football federation action against hooliganism.

ITALY: Cagliari dismiss coach Gigi Radice just 24 hours into the season.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

ACTION: The US beat Iceland 1-0 in Reykjavik . . . Balzers become the first Liechtenstein side ever to survive a round in European club competition when they draw 0-0 away to Albpetrol of Albania and progress 3-1 on aggregate.

GERMANY: Champions Werder Bremen are thrashed 5-1 at home by promoted MSV Duisburg.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA deliver a stinging rebuke to the French Federation for "procrastinating" over a decision on the Marseille scandal. President Joao Havelange says that, if a decision is not presented by September 23, France risk suspension from the World Cup.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

ACTION: Ghana beat Chile 3-0 and Nigeria beat Poland 2-1 in the semi-finals of the World Junior Cup in Japan . . . the vast majority of preliminary ties in both Champions Cup and Cup-winners Cup are completed . . . Real Madrid lose 10-9 on penalties to Internazionale after the teams draw 2-2 in Madrid's traditional pre-season Santiago Bernabeu Trophy match.

ENGLAND: Manchester United and Leeds are merely reprimanded by the FA for withdrawing their teenage players from England youth's end-of-season trip to Scandinavia. The minor nature of the penalty reflected the FA's sympathy for the clubs in trying to prevent "burn-out" destroying their players' careers before they have even begun.

FRANCE: Federation president Jean Fournet-Fayard arranges to meet FIFA president Joao Havelange in the wake of the world body's warning about French handling of the Marseille case. The meeting will take place next Monday, just before UEFA consider their own verdict . . . Paris police announce details of a crackdown on hooliganism including more rigorous powers of stop and search at stadia . . . Marseille players ignore the club's political problems by laying on a 3-1 victory over Saint-Etienne.

GERMANY: Stephane Chapuisat scores a hat-trick as Dortmund beat Dresden 4-0.

OBITUARY

GABOR ZSIBORAS, 35-year-old Hungary goalkeeper, collapsed with a brain haemorrhage during a training match a week before the World Cup tie against Russia and died six days later (on September 7) after lapsing into a coma. Zsiboras had played four times for Hungary and in 361 league matches for Ferencvaros and MTK.

CARLOS BESTIT, head of FC Barcelona's medical services, died aged 57. His father was a noted player with the club in the early 1930s.

ALBERT ROOSSENS, the so-called "Father of Belgian football," died aged 77. Roossens was secretary of the Belgian Federation from 1951 to 1988. He was given a six-month suspended jail sentence in 1989 for official culpability in the 1985 Heysel disaster.

LES SALTON, 61-year-old former South Africa striker died in Durban. Salton played for Durban City and Durban United, scoring 293 National Football League goals, and was League top scorer for three successive seasons. Capped for South Africa between 1953 and 1963, he had trials with Italy's Milan.

DIARY September 1993

HUNGARY: Veteran goalkeeper Gabor Zsiboras suffers a brain haemorrhage during a national squad training match. Specialists at Budapest's main hospital later say he is dangerously ill and in a coma.

URUGUAY: New manager Ildo Maneiro sends an SOS to Paulo Montero, the Uruguayan defender of Italy's Atalanta, because of injury to World Cup defender Carlos Zoca.

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

ACTION: Botafogo beat Caracas of Venezuela 3-0 in Rio to reach the semi-finals of the CONMEBOL Cup.

FAROE ISLANDS: Havnar Boltfelag became the first Faroese club to progress beyond the preliminary round in a UEFA competition when they are awarded a walkover in the Cup-winners Cup after RAF Jelgava fail to turn up for the return leg.

FRANCE: Marne-la-Vallee, the Paris suburb which is home to EuroDisney, decides to bid to build the new stadium which will host the Final of the 1998 World Cup Final.

JAPAN: FIFA president Joao Havelange says Japan already has fulfilled most of the conditions required to host the 2002 World Cup. He names Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Malaysia, China and the Koreas as possible competitors.

PORTUGAL: Boavista suspend Brazilian striker Nelson Bertolazzi and cut his wages in half after his contract squabble with club president Valentim Loureiro.

FRIDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER

ARGENTINA: Striker Ramon Medina Bello leaves no doubt about Argentina's World Cup intentions in Sunday's decisive game against Colombia. Echoing the sentiments of his team-mates, he says: "We have to pressure them all over the pitch. We have to crush them."

BRAZIL: National manager Carlos Alberto Parreira says he is ready to give controversial striker Romario another chance. Romario stormed out on Brazil last December after being omitted from the starting line-up against Germany. Parreira says: "He has behaved well lately, why shouldn't he have another chance?"

ISRAEL: Terry Venables, having just quit his fight to wrest control of Tottenham from chairman Alan Sugar, makes a surprise appearance at the Bnei Yehuda club — apparently checking it out on behalf of a businessman friend.

JAPAN: J.League president Saburo Kawabuchi says much of the credit for its success was due to the enormous promotional coverage provided by the media . . . Gary Lineker creates the decisive goal as Grampus Eight beat Sanfrecce Hiroshima 1-0 to celebrate his comeback after three months out injured.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA expel Tbilisi Dynamo from the first round of the Champions Cup after it is revealed they tried to bribe the refereeing team of their preliminary round first leg tie in Georgia against Linfield.

SATURDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

ACTION: In Germany Eintracht win 3-1 at Schalke to stay two points clear at the top . . . Real Madrid open the Spanish season in decisive style with a 4-1 win at Osasuna. New Brazilian defender Vitor receives the first yellow card of the season after bringing down Osasuna's Bustingorri in the 10th minute.

JAPAN: Gary Lineker reports a new toe injury.

WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
World Cup qualifiers, Africa 2nd rnd Group B: Morocco v Zambia. **Group C:** Cameroon v Zimbabwe.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
World Cup qualifier, Europe Group 5: Luxembourg v Greece.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
World Cup qualifiers, Europe Group 1: Portugal v Switzerland, Italy v Scotland. **Group 2:** Holland v England, Poland v Norway. **Group 3:** Denmark v Northern Ireland, Rep. of Ireland v Spain. **Group 4:** Romania v Belgium, Wales v Cyprus. **Group 6:** France v Israel, Bulgaria v Austria, Sweden v Finland.
International: Germany v Uruguay.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
World Cup qualifiers, Asia 2nd Round: North Korea v Iraq, Saudi Arabia v Japan (Doha, Qatar).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
World Cup qualifier, Asia 2nd Round: Iran v South Korea (Doha, Qatar).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18
World Cup qualifiers, Asia 2nd Round: North Korea v Saudi Arabia, Japan v Iran (Doha, Qatar).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
World Cup qualifier, Asia 2nd Round: Iraq v South Korea (Doha, Qatar).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
World Cup qualifier, Asia 2nd Round: North Korea v Japan (Doha, Qatar).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
World Cup qualifiers, Asia 2nd Round: Iran v Iraq, South Korea v Saudi Arabia (Doha, Qatar).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
World Cup qualifier, Asia 2nd Round: Iraq v Saudi Arabia (Doha, Qatar).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
World Cup qualifiers, Asia 2nd Round: Japan v South Korea, Iran v North Korea (Doha, Qatar).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27
World Cup qualifiers, Europe Group 2: Turkey v Poland. **Group 4:** Czechoslovakia v Cyprus. **Group 5:** Hungary v Luxembourg. **Group 6:** Israel v Austria.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28
World Cup qualifiers, Asia 2nd Round: South Korea v North Korea, Saudi Arabia v Iran, Iraq v Japan (Doha, Qatar).

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
World Cup qualifiers, Europe Group 1: Portugal v Estonia. **Group 2:** Turkey v Norway. **Group 6:** Austria v Sweden, Israel v Finland.

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(Loan moves in italics)

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Lee **CHAPMAN**	F	Portsmouth	West Ham
Julian **DICKS**	D	West Ham	Liverpool
Jackie **DZIEKANOWSKI**	F	Bristol City	Legia Warsaw
Terry **FENWICK**	D	Tottenham Hotspur	Swindon Town
Jean-Marc **FERRERI**	M	Marseille	Martigues
John **GAYLE**	F	Birmingham City	Coventry City
*Andy **GRAY***	*M*	*Tottenham Hotspur*	*RWD Molenbeek*
Glenn **HELDER**	F	Sparta Rotterdam	Vitesse Arnhem
Mike **HOOPER**	G	Liverpool	Newcastle United
Alan **KERNAGHAN**	D	Middlesbrough	Manchester City
LEONARDO	*D*	*Valencia*	*Sao Paulo*
Cyril **MAKANAKY**	F	Villarreal	Maccabi Tel Aviv
Mike **MARSH**	M	Liverpool	West Ham
Miroslav **MERTEL**	G	DAC Dunajska Streda	Urawa RD (Jap)
Percy **OLIVARES**	D	Sporting Cristal	Tenerife
David **PHILLIPS**	M	Norwich City	Nottingham Forest
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FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER
18.00 ...SKY SOCCER WEEKEND
24.00 ...SKY SOCCER WEEKEND
01.00 ...THE FOOTBALLER'S FOOTBALL SHOW

SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER
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10.30 ...ANDY GRAY'S BOOT ROOM

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER
15.00 ...THE BOSS15.30 SUPER SUNDAY EXTRA — LIVE
24.30 ...SUPER SUNDAY EXTRA

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER
12.00 ...SOCCER TESTIMONIAL MATCH

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER
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22.15 ...THE BOSS

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER
11.00 ...THE BOSS

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FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER
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SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER
10.00 ...SKY SOCCER WEEKEND

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER
12.00 ...GOALS ON SUNDAY
13.30 ...THE BOSS
14.00 ...FORD SUPER SUNDAY — PREVIEW SHOW
16.00 ...FORD SUPER SUNDAY — LIVE: Ipswich Town v Leeds United
18.00 ...FORD SUPER SUNDAY — TALKBACK
23.00 ...FORD SUPER SUNDAY — Ipswich Town v Leeds United

MONDAY 18 OCTOBER
12.00 ...FA PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL — Ipswich Town v Leeds United
19.00 ...FORD MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — LIVE: Blackburn Rovers v Sheffield United
22.30 ...GOAL — THE FOOTBALL QUIZ
23.00 ...FORD MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — Blackburn Rovers v Sheffield United

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER
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SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER
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MONDAY 25 OCTOBER
12.30 ...FA PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL — Southampton v Newcastle United
19.00 ...FORD MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — LIVE
22.30 ...GOAL — THE FOOTBALL QUIZ
24.00 ...FORD MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER
12.30 ...FA PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL
17.30 ...GOAL — THE FOOTBALL QUIZ
22.15 ...THE BOSS

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER
12.00 ...THE BOSS
19.30 ...WORLD CUP FOOTBALL LIVE — Turkey v Poland
24.30 ...WORLD CUP FOOTBALL

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER
12.30 ...WORLD CUP FOOTBALL — Turkey v Poland

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER
18.00 ...SKY SOCCER WEEKEND
24.30 ...SKY SOCCER WEEKEND
01.30 ...THE FOOTBALLERS' FOOTBALL SHOW

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER
09.30 ...SKY SOCCER WEEKEND

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER
12.00 ...GOALS ON SUNDAY
13.30 ...THE BOSS
14.00 ...FORD SUPER SUNDAY — PREVIEW SHOW
16.00 ...FORD SUPER SUNDAY — TALKBACK

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WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER
22.00.....THE 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUNDS — Highlights from: France v Israel, Italy v Scotland, Holland v England and Denmark v Northern Ireland

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER
11.00.....THE 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUNDS — Highlights
21.00.....THE 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUNDS — Highlights from: Portugal v Switzerland, Republic of Ireland v Spain, Romania v Belgium, Bulgaria v Austria and Sweden v Finland

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER
11.00.....THE 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUNDS — Highlights

WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER
22.00.....THE EUROPEAN CUPS

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER
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21.00.....THE EUROPEAN CUPS

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER
11.00.....THE EUROPEAN CUPS

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER
21.00.....THE 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUNDS — Highlights from Turkey v Poland and Israel v Austria

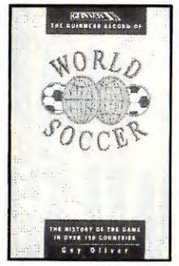
FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER
11.30.....THE 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUNDS — Highlights

WORLDWIDE QUIZ

WE admit it — we were wrong! And MICHAEL JEFFS of Luton spotted the error in last month's quiz. Phil Parkes was with QPR not West Ham when he made his England debut alongside Trevor Brooking in 1974.

Eagle-eyed Michael earns a copy of The Guinness Record of World Soccer by Guy Oliver.

You too can win one this month by answering the following questions, on a postcard please, to the usual address by November 1.



1. Who was the last player, before Marco Van Basten in 1990, to score three goals in a full international against England?

2. Name the Italian goalkeeper hit by a firework during a match in 1987.

3. Two clubs have played each other a record 20 times (including replays) in the FA Cup. Liverpool are one. Name the other.

4. Bulgaria have used a total of 66 players in the final stages of the World Cup. Why is Milko Gaidarski (1970) unique among them?

5. Who was the first player to score three goals for Spurs in one match in a European competition?

6. Altrincham (v Birmingham 1986) are one of the only two non-League clubs to beat First Division opponents AWAY in post-war FA Cup ties. Name the other one.

7. Seeler (West Germany) and Zmuda (Poland) share the record of 21 appearances in the final stages of the World Cup. Which player comes next?

8. In which city do the DfB (German Football Federation) have their headquarters?

9. Name the player, now a manager, who made his full international debut for England when they lost 2-0 to Holland at Wembley in 1977.

10. If the club from Piazza Duse 1 are at home in a local derby, and the club from Via Turati 3 are the visitors, which teams are playing.

OCTOBER ANSWERS:

1. ...Mazurkiewicz of Uruguay in the 1966 World Cup.
2. ...All scored two goals in an FA Cup Final at Wembley.
3. ...Ecuador.
4. ...East Stirling.
5. ...Phil Parkes v Portugal in 1974.
6. ...They were the official mascots.
7. ...Holland, in the 1988 European Championship.
8. ...Lawrie Reilly of Hibs and Scotland.
9. ...Las Vegas in December.
10. .The 1948 Olympic Games for Sweden.

X WORD

Compiled by Christine Ansell

ACROSS

2.....Spartak Moscow's Russian international forward previously with Zenit Leningrad (9)
6.....Manager of Norway (5)
7.....Brazilian centre-back in Europe with Benfica and Paris St-Germain (5)
9..... . . . .Chiefs, South African champions (6)
10...Swiss club first crowned national champions in '92 (4)
12...Governing body of European football (1.1.1.1.)
14...Guinea forward given a European break with St Etienne (6)
17...Ex-Sheffield United and England forward at Leeds Utd (5)
18...Tough ex-Lecce and Como defender who moved from Juve to Torino (5)
19...Vitoria Sport Clube from N. Portugal (9)

DOWN

1.....IFK Gothenburg defender recruited from Brann Bergen in '92 (9)
2.....Milan's '93 Champions Cup Final keeper (5)
3.....Scottish city in which Tannadice and Dens Park are sited (6)
4.....Rumanian forward who joined Brescia from Real Madrid (4)
5.....Avi, Maccabi's Israel midfield man (5)
8.....Asian nation irregularly staging the Merlion Cup (9)
11...National side struck by 1993 Atlantic air crash tragedy (6)
13...Familiarly, Ferencvaros of Hungary (5)
15...Benfica forward, Rui, at FC Porto from 1988-90 (5)
16...Albanian club from Kavaje (4)

LAST MONTH'S WINNER:
M. J. Fagan of Edinburgh, Scotland.

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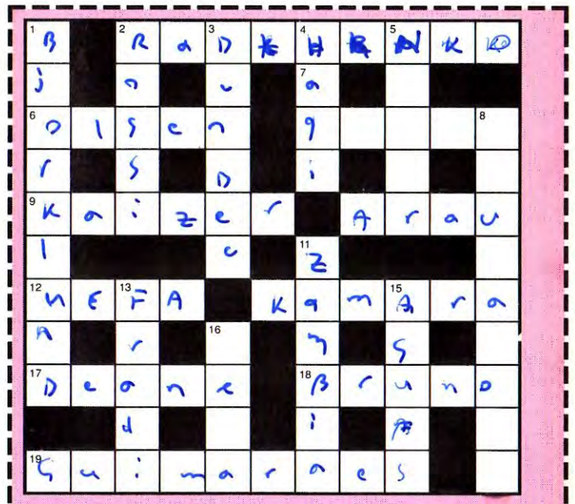
LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Cagliari, 7 Urawa, 8 Abouo, 9 Genoa, 10 Racz, 13 Diaz, 14 Gough, 17 Nando, 18 Palma, 19 Miklosko

Down: 1 Club, 2 Gravelaine, 3 Ivanov, 4 Ryan, 5 Sforza, 6 Los Angeles, 11 Odense, 12 Koppel, 15 Boli, 16 Rayo.



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LEAO'S CHANGES START PULSE GOING

UNFANCIED Shimizu S Pulse and favourites Verdy Kawasaki led the J.League at halfway.

Shimizu's first stage was marred by injuries to striker Toninho and central defender Marco Antonio. Few rated their chances of rebuilding in time this year.

Manager Emerson Leao, the former Brazil goalkeeper, signed disgruntled veteran national team defender Hisashi Kato from Verdy, and borrowed a new keeper and defender at bargain prices from Brazil.

The defender is law student Celso Luis Gomes from Atletico Taquaritinga in the Sao Paulo First Division. He has been taken on until January for a little over £3,000 per month.

The keeper is Sidmar from XV de Piracicaba, formerly with Portuguesa, Gremio and XV de Jau. He never made the national team, but reached the bench at the age of 21. His contract, also to January, is said to be worth a modest £60,000 in total.

Sidmar conceded a goal in the ninth minute of his first game, against Sanfrecce Hiroshima, but then the defence held tight for six consecutive matches.

Shimizu won only four out of nine within 90 minutes, but victories in extra time and by penalties lifted them to the top of the table with eight wins and only one defeat.

Verdy, who lost to Shimizu on penalties, reached second place the conventional way, through seven wins in 90 minutes, and had much to celebrate after their poor first stage.

Miura, feeding off Bismarck's passes, scored for six games running to go to fourth place in the scoring rankings, with 12 in the League so far.

Verdy exploded in the last match before the break with a 6-0 away demolition of bottom club Urawa Red Diamonds.

German striker Uwe Rahn had an unhappy debut for Diamonds. He will be joined by midfielder Michael Rummenigge from Borussia Dortmund, but Diamonds must do something about their defence.

Gary Lineker returned to action on the same day and helped Nagoya Grampus Eight to break their long losing streak with a 1-0 victory over Sanfrecce Hiroshima.

A week later, in the League Cup, Lineker (above right) knocked in his first goal in more than three months . . . with the back of a shoulder. Not pretty, but surely a confidence-booster.

The national team travelled to Spain for a preparatory camp before the final World Cup qualifiers, leaving Verdy, Marinos, Sanfrecce and Shimizu badly depleted for their League Cup games.

Instead, all eyes were on Bellmar Hiratsuka, Jubilo Iwata and Kashiwa Reysol, the three provisional members of the League. They play in Division One but were allowed to join the League Cup — their chance to prove themselves before November, when the J.League is expected to announce two new full members.

Bellmare (formerly Fujita) have won the Division One title and a lucrative budget from the Hiratsuka City Council to rebuild their ground. Their star striker is former Brazil international Mirandinha, signed from Shimizu.

Jubilo Iwata (formerly Yamaha) won the first Japan League title last year and are widely considered to be the front runners. They have two current Japan national team members — Mitsunori Yoshida and Masashi Nakayama — and have signed former Dutch international Gerald Vanenburg.

Kashiwa Reysol (formerly Hitachi) had a disappointing fifth-place finish in this year's JFL, so must do well in the Cup to keep their hopes alive this year. The arrival of Careca (left) will improve their chances.

MIKE PLASTOW AND MICHI ISHIJIMA

Easy for Marinos

MARINOS began their second defence of the Asian Cup-winners Cup with a comfortable win over Air Force Philippines.

Manager Hidehiko Shimizu chose to rest most of his senior players for the home leg but the Yokohama team still strolled to a 5-0 victory.

Jinno, scorer of the winner against Pirouzi in last year's final, netted twice.

Marinos then took the away leg 1-0 with a goal by Zaizen. But Philippines coach Noel Casilao was phlegmatic.

"We are an amateur team and it was a great experience for us playing a very tough and professional team," he said.

AF Philippines qualified by winning the Ugarte Cup. They have two national team players, sweeper Judy Saluria and acrobatic keeper Melo Sabacan.

Clubs from 19 countries are competing this year. Marinos meet Indonesian club Semen Padang in the quarter-final.

J.LEAGUE — 2ND STAGE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

MIDWEEK

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0
GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Wada 39, Matsuyama 77). **Att:** 27,356.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 3 (Sawanobori 53, Edu 67, 69)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0. **Att:** 8,699.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
VERDY KAWASAKI 1 (Miura 44). **Att:** 51,082.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Pavel 69, Echigo 71)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Diaz 21, 51). **Att:** 17,226.
Marinos won 4-2 on pens

KASHIMA ANTLERS 4 (Zico 33, Kuosaki 47, 49, Yoshida 115)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 3 (Takagi 5, 43, Katanosaka 89).

WEEKEND

GAMBA OSAKA 0
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0. **Att:** 21,330.
Flugels won 5-4 on pens

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Pavel 18)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 3 (Cerny 2, Kojima 50, Takagi 68). **Att:** 10,515.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Yoshida 38, Santos 66)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0. **Att:** 14,353.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Jinno 13, Bisconti 47)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0. **Att:** 14,450.

VERDY KAWASAKI 0
SHIMIZU S PULSE 0. **Att:** 28,625.
Shimizu won 3-2 on pens

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

WEEKEND

JEF UNITED 1 (Pavel 52)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Hasegawa 84, Zico 94). **Att:** 10,467.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0
VERDY KAWASAKI 6 (Bismarck 7, Ramos 38, Miura 44, Takeda 56, 88, Kato 79). **Att:** 9,771.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 3 (Yamaguchi 3, 86, og 70)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Diaz 35, 69). **Att:** 13,257.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 3 (Sawanobori 43,49, Mukojima 89)
GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Isogai 53, Flavio 61). **Att:** 9,005.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Yonekura 50)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0. **Att:** 11,016.

J.LEAGUE — 2ND STAGE

	P	W	L	F	A
Shimizu S Pulse	9	8	1	15	4
Verdy Kawasaki	9	7	2	19	6
Kashima Antlers	9	5	4	13	11
Yokohama Flugels	9	5	4	10	12
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	9	4	5	16	14
Gamba Osaka	9	4	5	10	8
JEF United Ichihara	9	4	5	17	17
Yokohama Marinos	9	4	5	12	14
Nagoya Grampus Eight	9	2	7	10	17
Urawa Red Diamonds	9	2	7	4	23

LEADING GOALSCORERS (Stages 1 and 2)

1 .....Ramon DIAZ (Yokohama Marinos) 19
2 .....ALCINDO (Kashima Antlers) 15
3 .....Pavel REHAK (Jef United Ichihara) 14
4 .....Kazuyoshi MIURA (Verdy Kawasaki) ...12
5 .....Nobuhiro TAKEDA (Verdy Kawasaki)...11
EDU (Shimizu S Pulse).....11
7 .....Akhiro NAGASHIMA (Gamba Osaka) ..10

J.LEAGUE YAMAZAKI NABISCO CUP

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

GROUP A

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 2 (Bettinho 39, Mirandinha 84)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Nakanishi 52). **Att:** 11,136.

KASHIWA REYSOL 0
GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Kudaka 76). **Att:** 14,380.

VERDY KAWASAKI 1 (Bismarck 25)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Hasegawa 72). **Att:** 9,132.
Kashima won 4-2 on pens

GROUP B

JUBILO IWATA 4 (Koga 15, Endo 40, Oishi 55, Tabata 88)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0. **Att:** 9,132.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 3 (Edu 52, 70, Aldrovani 87)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 1 (Diaz 15). **Att:** 13,419.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 2 (Marco Antonio 44, Mukojima 75)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Lineker 76). **Att:** 17,932.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MIDWEEK

GROUP A

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 3 (Shima 44, Cerny 48, Noh Jung Youn 63),
KASHIWA REYSOL 4 (Careca 21, 38, Okura 23, Tani 96). **Att:** 7,848.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 5 (Ordenewitz 11, 13, Nakanishi 20, Pavel 66, 71)
VERDY KAWASAKI 0. **Att:** 15,337.

GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Muller 28)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Bettinho 89). **Att:** 22,016.
Gamba won 4-2 on pens

WEEKEND

GROUP A

KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Hasegawa 52)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0. **Att:** 14,571.

VERDY KAWASAKI 5 (Bismarck 15, 44, Kato 35, Fujiyoshi 66, Nagai 82)
GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Koezuka 31). **Att:** 47,373.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Okayama 81)
JUBILO IWATA 3 (Endo 31, Vanenburg 67, Alberto 77). **Att:** 15,113.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 1 (Everton 53)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 5 (Nukojima 18, Sugimoto 27, Edu 47, Iwashita 61, 69). **Att:** 13,768.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Kawano 55)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Aldrovani 59). **Att:** 9,743.
Flugels won 5-4 on pens

GROUP A

	P	W	L	F	A
Kashima Antlers	2	2	0	2	1
Gamba Osaka	3	2	1	3	6
JEF United Ichihara	3	1	2	6	3
Bellmare Hiratsuka	2	1	1	3	2
Kashiwa Reysol	2	1	1	4	4
Verdy Kawasaki	3	1	2	6	7
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	1	0	1	3	4
GROUP B					
Jubilo Iwata	2	2	0	7	1
Shimizu S Pulse	2	2	0	7	2
Yokohama Flugels	2	2	0	4	2
Nagoya Grampus Eight	2	0	2	2	5
Urawa Red Diamonds	2	0	2	1	5
Yokohama Marinos	2	0	2	2	8

JAPAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE — Final Table

	P	W	L	F	A
Bellmare Hiratsuka	18	16	2	49	12
Jubilo Iwata	18	14	4	31	15
Toshiba	18	11	7	42	30
Otsuka Seiyaku	18	10	8	33	39
Kashiwa Reysol	18	9	9	41	24
Fukitsu	18	8	10	27	37
Yanmar	18	7	11	34	43
Tokyo Gas	18	7	11	20	31
Chuo Bohan	18	6	12	25	38
Kyoto Sanga	18	2	16	20	52

LEADING GOALSCORERS

1 .....VALDEZ (Toshiba).....20
2 .....NAKAYAMA (Jubilo).....18
LOPES (Reysol).....18
4 .....MIRANDINHA (Bellmare).....12

NEW ZEALAND

Marshall's sad finale

FIJI successfully defended their unbeaten home record, extending back to 1987, when winning a three-match series with the New Zealand FA President's XI.

The Kiwis — the Under-23 selection reinforced by a handful of more experienced players — were beaten 2-1 at Labasa, and held to draws in Suva (1-1) and Lautoka (0-0).

The series marked the swansong of NZ national team coach Ian Marshall, who had announced his retirement a month earlier.

PAKISTAN

AIRLINES TIPPED

PAKISTAN'S National Championship has begun again, drawing good crowds.

The title this season is being contested by eight teams, the majority representing government departments.

They will play each other three times over the coming months in all of the country's major cities.

Pakistan International Airlines are widely expected to retain their title.

SOUTH KOREA

	P	W	PW	PL	L	F	A	Pts
Ilwha	19	8	3	5	3	18	7	43
POSCO	19	6	3	4	6	23	19	34
Hyundai	19	6	4	2	7	11	14	34
Lucky GS	19	6	4	2	7	17	21	34
Daewoo	19	5	4	4	6	14	19	32
Ukung	19	4	4	5	6	13	16	29

W = Victory in regulation time (4pts)
PW = Won on penalties (2pts)
PL = Lost on penalties (1pt)

PAUL MOON

INDIA

Guests under guard

A MATCH in the fourth Asian Cup-winners Cup tournament was played amid tight security when Zewra, of Baghdad, arrived for the two-legged match against East Bengal.

The Iraqis travelled in secrecy over land and received Air Force and Army protection by order of Saddam Hussein, who feared the side may be subjected to American air attacks.

In India, Zewra were under the constant guard of Commandos. But they could do nothing to prevent East Bengal running out 6-2 first-leg winners, in Calcutta. Carlton Chapman stole the show with a hat-trick in front of 55,000.

In Siliguri, Zewra extracted revenge with a 2-0 second-leg win, but lost 6-4 on aggregate. East Bengal now face either China's Dalian or Easter of Hong Kong.

G.C. DAS

LEO MOYNIHAN reflects on a visit to India

Talent with little hope of success

AN EXTRACT from the FA Yearbook for 1950-51 says: "Football in India is still in a comparatively undeveloped state. Matches are not very well attended, and spectators are not always conversant with the rules and finer points of the game, (boots were introduced only in 1934).

"But it is likely that if the lack of systematic training were overcome, then the natural speed and skills of the players might well give India as prominent a place in football as she has in world cricket."

India's recent disappointing performances when finishing last in Asia's World Cup qualifying Group D, 12 points behind the winners, South Korea, provided ample proof that soccer still lags far behind cricket in that vast country teeming with young sporting talent.

That soccer has failed to produce such sporting legends as Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev may not have been entirely due, however, to a lack of enthusiasm shown by countless generations of talented youngsters.

India's 3-1 win in Hong Kong in their last group match showed that the spirit is willing, but there are not the financial funds or guiding forces to sustain a real international challenge.

On a recent train journey through the state of Kerala, south of Goa, I saw ample evidence to suggest that India could still become a world-class soccer nation if some of the poorer areas were offered the basic facilities.

Groups of Kerala youngsters played on rough rice-harvested paddy fields, with fishing rods and bamboo shoots acting as posts, or on tandoori-red mudflat pitches covered with potholes.

But though soccer talent is abundant in Kerala, local coaches and players feel that their sport is being needlessly neglected compared with the more affluent northern states, despite Kerala's victory in the national championship last February.

A future Indian Pele or Eusebio could find his talents ignored simply because of lack of financial incentive and top coaching. As an Indian soccer reporter damningly stressed: "Except for those who make it to the big clubs of Calcutta, most of Kerala's soccer stars live a life of penury."

Not a very good advertisement for Indian football in general, or their future as an international soccer nation.

There was a recent move by the Kerala soccer authorities to attract their major players back home from richer state sides up north by, in the words of Chief Minister Karunakaran, "more lucrative jobs here."

> 'Except for those who make it to the big clubs of Calcutta, most of Kerala's soccer stars live a life of penury'

But the government and state governing body do not have a reputation for keeping promises. One Kerala product was offered a job as a store assistant if he would return home from playing for another state side. He snubbed the offer and stayed in Madras, where he is a bank official.

If the state of soccer-crazy Kerala could be persuaded to put more into their most popular sport, India's soccer in general would surely benefit.

It is no good blaming the British for introducing only cricket to the land of the Raj. They took a soccer ball along with them as well. But somehow the larger ball never got properly inflated after they left.

INDONESIA

PLAYERS in the Galatama, the Indonesian semi-professional league, are to have big pay rises.

The average wage used to be around £100 a month, but this figure is now going up to around £340, with half being provided by the league and the other half by a sponsorship deal with Hong Kong's Spectrum Company.

Galatama and Spectrum also have reached agreement with a private TV company, *TPI*, to screen five and a half hours of football each week. Another important change concerns non-Indonesian players.

Foreigners were often used in the early days of the semi-pro league, formed in 1978, but they were later banned. Now, however, Galatama have decided to allow imported players to take part.

Arema Malang won the League championship and Semen Padang won the Cup. Both will compete in the next Asian club tournaments.

J. F. TAMAELA

IRAN

We're still a power, says Parvin

"ON THE Asian football scene, Iran are still a power to be reckoned with," says Ali Parvin, head coach of the Iran national team.

Regardless of the money being spent by the other competing nations in the final round of the Asian qualifiers, Iran will be tough challengers.

"If our players follow my instructions, and if they connect with one another, there is every chance of us reaching the World Cup finals," he says.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, along with Iraq, Japan, North Korea, Saudi Arabia and South Korea are scheduled to meet in Qatar in the final round of Asian qualifying matches, between October 15 and 28.

Parvin (above) believes that Iran's first game against South Korea is the most crucial, and will determine the fate of the team. After playing one another once, the top two teams will advance to the 1994 World Cup.

Despite Iran's success in reaching the last stage of the qualifying rounds, the national team's performance has been less than impressive.

Draws against Syria and Oman during the first round of the competition in Tehran caused great concern among officials and enthusiasts.

After a change of venue from Tehran to Damascus for the return leg, the Iranian team gained confidence and a sense of purpose, but two draws against Syria and one against Oman, and a narrow win over Oman in Damascus, will not cause the South Koreans or Saudis to lose any sleep.

Only the defeats of the hopeless Taiwanese (6-0 in both legs) salvaged what could have been a disaster.

The team have set up camp in the United Arab Emirates for the last two weeks before the competitions. They will work on conditioning, play friendly matches with local teams and get accustomed to the weather.

Parvin thinks more should be done in terms of proper planning and arranging regular matches against formidable opposition, but this is difficult.

A scandal erupted when Detmar Kramer, a German coach, and his "all-star European team" accepted an invitation to play.

Kramer and his team received $50,000 to compete in two matches against the Iranian national team. But the big-name players did not show up and a team with players who were up to 40 years old arrived in Iran.

The game was a joke, Kramer's team lost 5-2, and were asked to leave.

Ali Parvin is a familiar name to Iranian football fans. He was perhaps the most famous and skilful player of his generation, and played 108 times for the national team. During that period, the Iranian team won three consecutive Asian titles, qualifying for the 1972 and 1976 Olympics, and for the 1978 World Cup, where they drew 1-1 with Scotland but lost to Holland and Peru.

"That team were not prepared to compete in the World Cup," he said. "In those two games, we completely lost ourselves halfway through."

He believes his World Cup experience as a player will be a great asset to him should the team reach the 1994 finals. For one thing, he intends to halt all club activities so attention can be focused solely on the national team.

Hamid Derakhshan, the 34-year-old captain, feels that Iran have nothing to fear from other Asian nations.

"From the technical point of view, we have nothing less than what our opponents have to offer," he said.

"The main difference is the high level of support from their federations."

The lack of sound financial support for the team's preparation is among Parvin's biggest concerns. Both Parvin and Derakhshan believe that professionalism is the stimulus that will propel Iran to Asian domination.

"Banks and financially-stable companies should invest in our domestic game so that we can meet Japan, South Korea and Saudi Arabia on equal terms," said Parvin.

Derakhshan added: "When a player knows he can make a decent living for himself and his family by working and concentrating on his profession, that helps him become a better player."

Professionalism is a hotly-debated issue in the Iranian community. Parvin and Derakhshan believe that it is the inevitable next step and the sooner the federation accept this fact, the better it will be for Iranian football. The debate is likely to continue for some time.

Hassan Roushan, a speedy winger who played in the 1978 World Cup, is operating a football school for eight to 19-year-old players.

Roushan, after receiving a coaching licence from the FA in England, started this unique school with the help of Reza Esmaili, a top Iranian boxer.

"The school loses money every day of its operation," Roushan said.

"At this rate, it will be almost impossible to continue the school beyond the next five or six months, unless the federation take us under their care."

One can only hope that such education programmes will become a mainstay of Iranian football.

BABAK YEKTASAR

Hamid Derakhshan (right) and colleague enjoy a good read.

Action from the 1978 World Cup finals as Iran's Parvin (7), goalkeeper Hedjazi and Nazari try to stop Scotland's Macari (16).

INDIA

THE Indian Football Association are celebrating their centenary this year.

The IFA were founded in July 1893, 25 years after club sides such as Indian Inhabitants were formed, and from that came the first Asian national side.

By 1950, India were invited to compete in the World Cup, but withdrew when they faced disqualification for playing bare-footed.

Until now, their major wins include gold in the 1951 Asian Games, fourth place in the 1956 Helsinki Olympics and another gold at the 1962 Asian Games.

The IFA are marking their 100 years with a series of special tournaments, including the prestigious IFA Centenary Invitation All-India Soccer Tournament for the Shidbas Bhaduri Trophy.

For the first time, in spite of strong criticism, office teams were invited to compete — a move which will be extended to this season's national League.

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) did not let the IFA down by recording impressive wins over top sides East Bengal, Mohammedan FC and Mahrindra & Mahindra on their way to a surprise runners-up slot.

In the final they ran into Mohun Bagan and were undone by a hat-trick from man-of-the-match Satyajit Chatterjee in a 5-1 defeat. Bagan's Vijayan also scored to make him the overall tournament top scorer with five goals.

There was some consolation for losing semi-finalists Mohammedan SC, who were awarded the Fair Play Trophy.

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Five draws . . . Kaizer Chiefs.

SOUTH AFRICA

Swallows stay in front

FIVE successive draws blunted the Kaizer Chiefs challenge to retain the NSL title, and Moroka Swallows and Mamelodi Sundowns stay ahead.

Pretoria City are having their best season in the NSL, under the shrewd leadership of Stan Lapot, and a fine 2-1 victory over Wits University took them to the fringe of the title challenge.

Nicky Shaw of lowly Dynamos, is the leading scorer, with 15 of his team's 32 goals.

Dynamos lost Watiyakeni, Chomba and Chansa in the Zambian FA air tragedy, but have started to improve following the signing of three more Zambians — Sakala, Munaile and Chilombo.

Transvaal's interest in the NSL League Coca-Cola Cup disappeared with the shock exit of Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns, both beaten at home in extra time at the quarter-final stage.

The semi-final draw is Umtata Bucks v Hellenic at Independence Stadium, Transkei, and Bloemfontein Celtic v Lightbody's Santos at Seisa Ramadbodu Stadium, Bloemfontein.

Jomo Cosmos, poorly placed in the NSL, head off to Zaire to face Daring Motema Pemba in Kinshasa for an African Cup-winners Cup semi-final place.

They are without Virgilio Penada, Kalenga Ndayi, Caiphus Matlala and Arrie Thomas, all victims of the administrative error of late registration with the CAF. And Thomas Madigage is out too, because of injury.

BARRY BAKER

NSL CASTLE LEAGUE — First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moroka Swallows	27	14	9	4	30	19	37
Mamelodi S.	26	14	6	6	44	23	34
Kaizer Chiefs	25	12	8	5	31	20	32
Pretoria City	27	10	11	6	29	25	31
Hellenic	25	9	10	6	37	30	28
Orlando Pirates	25	10	8	7	33	28	28
Amazulu	24	10	8	6	31	27	28
Chatsworth Ran	28	6	16	6	32	28	28
Umtata Bucks	26	9	10	7	33	29	28
Cape Town Spurs	26	8	10	8	29	26	26
Vaal Professionals	27	9	8	10	33	32	26
Witbank Aces	27	9	8	10	36	39	26
Wits University	26	10	5	11	23	27	25
Bloemfontein C.	25	9	7	9	24	30	25
Dynamos	26	6	12	8	32	29	24
Lightbodys Santos	26	6	11	9	21	26	23
Jomo Cosmos	27	7	9	11	25	32	23
D'Alberton Callies	25	8	7	10	26	36	23
QwaQwa Stars	27	3	13	11	22	29	19
Welkom Super E.	27	1	6	20	19	57	8

NSL OK LEAGUE
Second Division
('O' Stream Inland Division)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boksburg United	13	8	4	1	19	2	20
Real Rovers	12	9	2	1	24	9	20
Health Centre Utd	13	6	5	2	17	5	17
Ravens	13	6	5	2	17	8	17
Ferrometals Utd	13	7	3	3	22	15	17
Swaraj United	12	7	1	4	26	14	15
Pretoria Callies	9	3	5	1	13	9	11
Brathom Blackpool	13	1	7	5	16	24	9
Real Madrid	12	4	0	8	14	16	8
Ruto Cosmos	12	2	3	7	11	23	7
Bluebells United	13	1	3	9	7	23	5
Panama Blues	13	0	2	11	6	43	2

NSL OK LEAGUE
Second Division
('K' Stream Coastal Division)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Royal Tigers	10	7	3	0	17	6	17
Crusaders United	13	5	5	3	21	12	15
UPE Hotspurs	12	6	1	5	15	17	13
Battswood	12	4	4	4	19	6	12
East London Bluebells	10	5	1	4	13	9	11
Crystal Brains	10	3	5	2	5	5	11
Zulu Royals	12	4	3	5	10	18	11
African Wanderers	11	1	8	2	7	7	10
PE Blackpool	11	3	3	5	7	10	9
Reservoir Hills Utd	11	3	3	5	14	22	9
College Tigers	11	1	4	6	7	20	6

WEST AFRICA

Sogara keep Gabon's title

GABON
AS SOGARA, coached by Yugsolav-born Paul Dolezar and inspired by Nigerian international Wasiu Ipaye's goals, won Gabon's title for a second successive season.

Their 1-0 home win over Mbilinga gave them the title and a place in next year's African Champions Cup. Jean-Rene Ngampoussa scored, 20 minutes from time.

Ipaye was top scorer for the third season in a row, with 16 goals.

BURKINA FASO
ETOILE FILANTE clinched the League and Cup double with a 2-0 win over ASFB Bobodioulasso in the Cup Final.

Etoile, based in the capital, Ouagadougou, will play in the Champions Cup next year, while ASFB go through to the Cup-winners Cup.

President Blaise Compaore says that Burkina Faso will seek to host the 1998 African Nations Cup finals.

GAMBIA
WALLIDDAN of Banjul won the Cup by beating neighbours Real 2-1 in the final, with both goals coming from Diata Cisse in the first half.

SENEGAL
DIARAF DAKAR and Linguere of Saint Louis will contest the Cup Final. Diaraf, who ended the season in second place, are strong favourites. Linguere finished in 11th place.

NORTH AFRICA

ALGERIA
THE much-disrupted national championship began again after three months.

The championship, scheduled to end in August, was stopped on May 10 after the 23rd round as the national squad vied for places in the Nations Cup finals in Tunisia and the World Cup finals in the United States.

But Algeria finished bottom of their World Cup group and were kicked out of the Nations Cup finals for fielding a suspended player in the match against Senegal.

Their representatives in the African Champions Cup, the African Cup-winners Cup and the CAF Cup all received thrashings in the quarter-finals.

The league season is still six rounds away from completion, with seven clubs in the race.

Defending champions Mouloudia d'Oran, in third place but with games in hand over leaders US Chaouia and NA Hussein-Dey, appear to have the best chance.

MOROCCO
KAC MARRAKESH have signed two African internationals and a coach from neighbouring Algeria in preparation for the new season.

The players are Senegalese midfielder Mamadou Diallo and Bassala Traore of Mali, and the coach is Mahiedine Khalef.

TUNISIA
DEFENDING champions Esperance will find that taking a third successive title is a tough task.

After winning their opening match, away at AS Marsa, Esperance were surprisingly beaten at home in the local derby by Stade Tunisien.

Esperance, however, remain favourites, especially after the return of veteran international Mohammed Ali Mahjoubi from Eintracht Braunchsweig in Germany.

MARK GLEESON

MOZAMBIQUE — Zone South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Matchedje	21	14	4	3	37	13	32
Costa do Sol	21	15	2	4	39	12	32
Ferroviario Maputo	21	13	5	3	42	15	31
Maxaquene	21	12	7	2	33	8	31
Desp. de Maputo	21	12	5	4	45	16	29
Clube de Gaza	21	8	9	4	25	17	27
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Consent	21	4	4	13	19	20	12
Desportivo de Xai-Xai	20	3	2	15	17	64	8
Ferro. de Inhambane	20	2	2	16	7	48	6
Cometabl/Momental	21	0	5	16	9	53	5

ALGERIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
US Chaouia	24	12	6	6	31	19	30
NA Hussein-Day	23	11	8	4	27	15	30
Mouloudia Oran	22	10	8	4	30	21	28
Ain-M'Lila	23	9	8	6	24	21	26
USM El Harrach	23	9	7	7	23	15	25
JS Kabylie	22	8	9	5	21	14	25
Mostaganem	23	9	7	7	24	21	25
MC Alger	22	6	10	6	17	15	22
Bordj Menaiel	23	10	2	11	25	27	22
Entent Setif	24	9	4	11	20	30	22
Belcourt	23	7	7	9	22	17	21
Blida	24	6	9	9	19	21	21
Annaba	24	5	11	8	11	26	21
Tlemcen	24	7	6	11	25	27	20
MO Constantine	24	6	6	12	15	32	18
ASM Oran	24	5	6	13	15	28	16

NIGER — *Final Table*
(second phase)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zumunta AC	10	9	0	1	31	9	18
Olympic FC	10	8	0	2	32	9	16
Sahel SC	10	7	0	3	35	13	14
Nassara	10	4	0	6	23	33	8
Ader	9	2	0	7	14	38	4
Aigle	8	0	0	8	8	39	0

Ader forfeited one match, Aigle two.

BURKINA FASO — *Final Table*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Etoile Filante	22	13	7	2	46	16	55
RC Bobo-Dioulasso	22	14	4	4	31	15	54
RailClub Kadiogo	22	12	3	7	39	26	49
USFA	22	10	7	5	29	21	49
ASFA Yennega	22	10	7	5	22	15	49
US Ouagadougou	22	7	8	7	31	26	44
USC Bobo-Dioulasso	22	7	7	8	23	21	43
ASFA Bobo-Dioulaso	22	7	7	8	24	25	43
Bobo Sports	22	7	4	11	21	32	40
ASEC-K	22	7	4	11	18	30	40
USM Banfora	22	5	2	15	18	38	34
Stade du Yatenga	22	0	6	16	11	48	28

AFRICAN WORLD CUP ROUND-UP
BY MARK GLEESON

Still all to play for

BOTH Nigeria and Zambia are on the verge of World Cup history by qualifying for the finals for the first time. And Zimbabwe still have a chance

Nigeria's runaway 4-1 defeat of African champions Ivory Coast, in Lagos, moved them to within one point of qualifying.

They need only a draw in the final match of Group A in the African zone second-round campaign in Algeria.

In group B, Zambia maintained their hopes by thrashing Senegal 4-0 in Lusaka, while Zimbabwe kept their hopes alive by beating Guinea 1-0 in Harare.

Nigeria were 2-0 up after 25 minutes with goals from Thompson Oliha, playing against many of his club mates from the Ivorian team Africa Sport, and Belgian-based Daniel Amokachi.

The Ivory Coast pulled one goal back shortly after half-time, but two from Rashidi Yekini sealed victory for the Super Eagles.

Yekini, who plays for Portuguese club Vitoria Setubal, has scored eight World Cup goals, half his team's total in the qualifiers.

Coach Clemens Westerhof said: "Ivory Coast played some good football but they wanted too much time on the ball."

Zambia, still riding the wave of emotion after the air crash in April which killed 18 of their players, moved to the top of group B and now need a draw in their final game, away to Morocco in Casablanca.

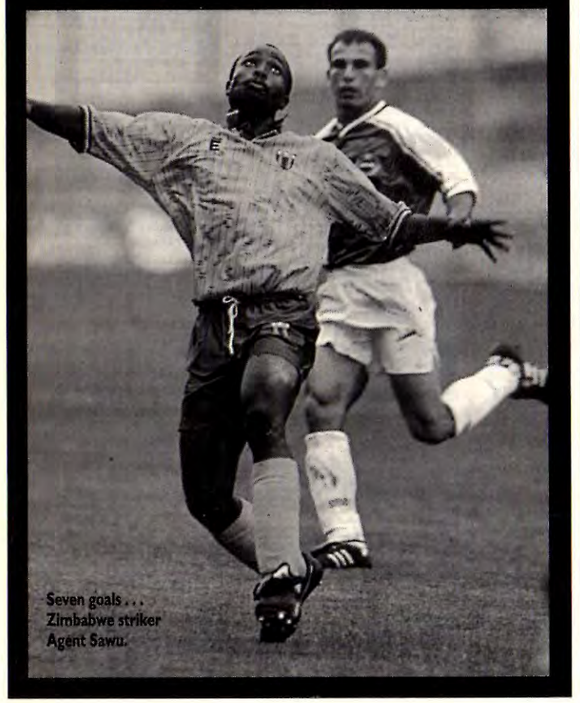
Debutant Gibby Zulu scored the opening goal after 12 minutes and there were others in the second half from Elijah Litana, Kenneth Malitoli and Kalusha Bwalya.

Skipper Bwalya has scored in every competitive home match since the air disaster.

Zimbabwe needed a flood of goals to improve their qualification chances and appeared primed to achieve that when Agent Sawu scored against Guinea after only three minutes in Harare — his seventh goal in the qualifying campaign.

The 21-year-old Sawu, nicknamed the Silent Assassin, recently returned from an unsuccessful trial with Liverpool. He and his team mates were unable to add further goals and must now beat Cameroon away in Yaounde in their final match to claim a place in the finals.

Cameroon, quarter-finalists in Italy in 1990, are level on points and have a better goal difference, plus two against Zimbabwe's minus one.



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1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING GROUPS

EUROPE

38 entries (39 members, Liechtenstein withdrew)

● *Top two teams in each Group qualify for finals (Germany qualify as holders).*

GROUP 1

16.08.92 Estonia v Switzerland 0-6
09.09.92 Switzerland v Scotland 3-1
14.10.92 Italy v Switzerland 2-2
14.10.92 Scotland v Portugal 0-0
25.10.92 Malta v Estonia 0-0
18.11.92 Scotland v Italy 0-0
18.11.92 Switzerland v Malta 3-0
19.12.92 Malta v Italy 1-2
24.01.93 Malta v Portugal 0-1
17.02.93 Scotland v Malta 3-0
24.02.93 Portugal v Italy 1-3
24.03.93 Italy v Malta 6-1
31.03.93 Switzerland v Portugal 1-1
14.04.93 Italy v Estonia 2-0
17.04.93 Malta v Switzerland 0-2
28.04.93 Portugal v Scotland 5-0
01.05.93 Switzerland v Italy 1-0
12.05.93 Estonia v Malta 0-1
19.05.93 Estonia v Scotland 0-3
02.06.93 Scotland v Estonia 3-1
19.06.93 Portugal v Malta 4-0
05.09.93 Estonia v Portugal 0-2
08.09.93 Scotland v Switzerland 1-1
22.09.93 Estonia v Italy 0-3
13.10.93 Portugal v Switzerland
13.10.93 Italy v Scotland
10.11.93 Portugal v Estonia
17.11.93 Italy v Portugal
17.11.93 Malta v Scotland
17.11.93 Switzerland v Estonia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	8	5	3	0	19	5	13
Italy	8	5	2	1	18	6	12
Portugal	7	4	2	1	14	4	10
Scotland	8	3	3	2	11	10	9
Malta	9	1	1	7	3	21	3
Estonia	8	0	1	7	1	20	1

GROUP 2

09.09.92 Norway v San Marino 10-0
23.09.92 Norway v Holland 2-1
23.09.92 Poland v Turkey 1-0
07.10.92 San Marino v Norway 0-2
14.10.92 England v Norway 1-1
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	8	6	2	0	21	3	14
Holland	8	4	3	1	24	8	11
England	8	4	3	1	19	6	11
Poland	7	3	2	2	8	7	8
Turkey	8	1	1	6	7	17	3
San Marino	9	0	1	8	1	39	1

GROUP 3

22.04.92 Spain v Albania 3-0
28.04.92 Northern Ireland v Lithuania 2-2
26.05.92 Rep. of Ireland v Albania 2-0
03.06.92 Albania v Lithuania 1-0
12.08.92 Latvia v Lithuania 1-2
26.08.92 Latvia v Denmark 0-0
09.09.92 Rep. of Ireland v Latvia 4-0
09.09.92 Northern Ireland v Albania 3-0
23.09.92 Latvia v Spain 0-0
23.09.92 Lithuania v Denmark 0-0
14.10.92 Denmark v Rep. of Ireland 0-0
14.10.92 Northern Ireland v Spain 0-0
28.10.92 Lithuania v Latvia 1-1
11.11.92 Albania v Latvia 1-1
18.11.92 Northern Ireland v Denmark 0-1
18.11.92 Spain v Rep. of Ireland 0-0
16.12.92 Spain v Latvia 5-0
17.02.93 Albania v Northern Ireland 1-2
24.02.93 Spain v Lithuania 5-0
31.03.93 Denmark v Spain 1-0
31.03.93 Rep. of Ireland v N. Ireland 3-0
14.04.93 Denmark v Latvia 2-0
14.04.93 Lithuania v Albania 3-1
28.04.93 Rep. of Ireland v Denmark 1-1
28.04.93 Spain v Northern Ireland 3-1
15.05.93 Latvia v Albania 0-0
25.05.93 Lithuania v Northern Ireland 0-1
26.05.93 Albania v Rep. of Ireland 1-2
02.06.93 Denmark v Albania 4-0
02.06.93 Latvia v Northern Ireland 1-2
02.06.93 Lithuania v Spain 0-2
09.06.93 Latvia v Rep. of Ireland 0-2
16.06.93 Lithuania v Rep. of Ireland 0-1
25.08.93 Denmark v Lithuania 4-0
08.09.93 Albania v Denmark 0-1
08.09.93 Rep. of Ireland v Lithuania 2-0
08.09.93 Northern Ireland v Latvia 2-0
22.09.93 Albania v Spain 1-5
13.10.93 Denmark v Northern Ireland
13.10.93 Rep. of Ireland v Spain
17.11.93 N. Ireland v Rep. of Ireland
17.11.93 Spain v Denmark

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rep. of Ireland	10	7	3	0	17	2	17
Denmark	10	6	4	0	14	1	16
Spain	10	6	3	1	23	3	15
N. Ireland	10	5	2	3	13	11	12
Lithuania	12	2	3	7	8	21	7
Latvia	12	0	5	7	4	21	5
Albania	12	1	2	9	6	26	4

GROUP 4

22.04.92 Belgium v Cyprus 1-0
06.05.92 Romania v Faroe Islands 7-0
20.05.92 Romania v Wales 5-1
03.06.92 Faroe Islands v Belgium 0-3
18.06.92 Faroe Islands v Cyprus 0-2
02.09.92 Czechoslovakia v Belgium 1-2
09.09.92 Wales v Faroe Islands 6-0
23.09.92 Czechoslovakia v Faroe Islands ..4-0
14.10.92 Belgium v Romania 1-0
14.10.92 Cyprus v Wales 0-1
14.11.92 Romania v Czechoslovakia 1-1
18.11.92 Belgium v Wales 2-0
29.11.92 Cyprus v Romania 1-4
13.02.93 Cyprus v Belgium 0-3
24.03.93 Cyprus v Czechoslovakia 1-1
31.03.93 Wales v Belgium 2-0
14.04.93 Romania v Cyprus 2-1
25.04.93 Cyprus v Faroe Islands 3-1
28.04.93 Czechoslovakia v Wales 1-1
22.05.93 Belgium v Faroe Islands 3-0
02.06.93 Czechoslovakia v Romania 5-2
06.06.93 Faroe Islands v Wales 0-3
16.06.93 Faroe Islands v Czechoslovakia ..0-3
08.09.93 Wales v Czechoslovakia 2-2
08.09.93 Faroe Islands v Romania 0-4
13.10.93 Romania v Belgium
13.10.93 Wales v Cyprus
27.10.93 Czechoslovakia v Cyprus
17.11.93 Wales v Romania
17.11.93 Belgium v Czechoslovakia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	7	0	1	15	3	14
Romania	8	5	1	2	25	10	11
Czechoslovakia	8	3	4	1	18	9	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	16	10	10
Cyprus	8	2	1	5	8	13	5
Faroe Islands	10	0	0	10	1	38	0

GROUP 5

13.05.92 Greece v Iceland 1-0
03.06.92 Hungary v Iceland 1-2
09.09.92 Luxembourg v Hungary 0-3
07.10.92 Iceland v Greece 0-1
14.10.92 Russia v Iceland 1-0
28.10.92 Russia v Luxembourg 2-0
11.11.92 Greece v Hungary 0-0
17.02.93 Greece v Luxembourg 2-0
31.03.93 Hungary v Greece 0-1
14.04.93 Luxembourg v Russia 0-4
28.04.93 Russia v Hungary 3-0
20.05.93 Luxembourg v Iceland 1-1
23.05.93 Russia v Greece 1-1
02.06.93 Iceland v Russia 1-1
16.06.93 Iceland v Hungary 2-0
08.09.93 Hungary v Russia 1-3
08.09.93 Iceland v Luxembourg 1-0
12.10.93 Luxembourg v Greece
27.10.93 Hungary v Luxembourg
17.11.93 Greece v Russia

★ *Yugoslavia excluded due to UN sanctions.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RUSSIA	7	5	2	0	15	3	12
GREECE	6	4	2	0	6	1	10
Iceland	8	3	2	3	7	6	8
Hungary	7	1	1	5	5	11	3
Luxembourg	6	0	1	5	1	13	1

Russia & Greece qualify for finals.

GROUP 6

14.05.92 Finland v Bulgaria 0-3
09.09.92 Bulgaria v France 2-0
09.09.92 Finland v Sweden 0-1
07.10.92 Sweden v Bulgaria 2-0
14.10.92 France v Austria 2-0
28.10.92 Austria v Israel 5-2
11.11.92 Israel v Sweden 1-3
14.11.92 France v Finland 2-1
02.12.92 Israel v Bulgaria 0-2
17.02.93 Israel v France 0-4
27.03.93 Austria v France 0-1
14.04.93 Austria v Bulgaria 3-1
28.04.93 France v Sweden 2-1
28.04.93 Bulgaria v Finland 2-0
12.05.93 Bulgaria v Israel 2-2
13.05.93 Finland v Austria 3-1
19.05.93 Sweden v Austria 1-0
02.06.93 Sweden v Israel 5-0
16.06.93 Finland v Israel 0-0
22.08.93 Sweden v France 1-1
25.08.93 Austria v Finland 3-0
08.09.93 Finland v France 0-2
08.09.93 Bulgaria v Sweden 1-1
13.10.93 France v Israel
13.10.93 Bulgaria v Austria
13.10.93 Sweden v Finland
27.20.93 Israel v Austria
10.11.93 Austria v Sweden
10.11.93 Israel v Finland
17.11.93 France v Bulgaria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	8	6	1	1	14	5	13
Sweden	8	5	2	1	15	5	12
Bulgaria	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
Austria	7	3	0	4	12	10	6
Finland	8	1	1	6	4	14	3
Israel	7	0	2	5	5	21	2

AFRICA

37 entries (48 members)

● *Group winners qualify for Second Round of 3 mini leagues of 3 teams each. Winners qualify for finals.*

First Round

GROUP A

09.10.92 Algeria v Burundi 3-1
25.10.92 Burundi v Ghana 1-0
20.12.92 Ghana v Algeria 2-0
17.01.93 Burundi v Algeria 0-0
31.01.93 Ghana v Burundi 1-0
26.02.93 Algeria v Ghana 2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SENEGAL	4	3	0	1	10	4	6
Gabon	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Mozambique	4	0	1	3	3	11	1

GROUP H

11.01.92 Madagascar v Namibia 3-0
25.10.92 Namibia v Zambia 0-4
20.12.92 Madagascar v Zambia 2-0
17.01.93 Namibia v Madagascar 0-1
30.01.93 Zambia v Namibia 4-0
27.02.93 Zambia v Madagascar 3-1

★ *Burkina Faso withdrew and were replaced by Namibia. Tanzania also withdrew.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ZAMBIA	4	3	0	1	11	3	6
Madagascar	4	3	0	1	7	3	6
Namibia	4	0	0	4	0	12	0

GROUP I

20.12.92 Guinea v Kenya 4-0
27.02.93 Kenya v Guinea 2-0

★ *Gambia & Mali withdrew.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GUINEA	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Kenya	2	1	0	1	2	4	2

Second Round

GROUP A

16.04.93 Algeria v Ivory Coast 1-1
02.05.93 Ivory Coast v Nigeria 2-1
03.07.93 Nigeria v Algeria 4-1
18.07.93 Ivory Coast v Algeria 1-0
25.09.93 Nigeria v Ivory Coast 4-1
08.10.93 Algeria v Nigeria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ivory Coast	4	2	1	1	5	6	5
Nigeria	3	2	0	1	9	4	4
Algeria	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

GROUP B

18.04.93 Morocco v Senegal 1-0
04.07.93 Zambia v Morocco 2-1
17.07.93 Senegal v Morocco 1-3
07.08.93 Senegal v Zambia 0-0
26.09.93 Zambia v Senegal 4-0
10.10.93 Morocco v Zambia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zambia	3	2	1	0	6	1	5
Morocco	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Senegal	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

GROUP C

18.04.93 Cameroon v Guinea 3-1
02.05.93 Guinea v Zimbabwe 3-0
04.07.93 Zimbabwe v Cameroon 1-0
18.07.93 Guinea v Cameroon 0-1
26.09.93 Zimbabwe v Guinea 1-0
10.10.93 Cameroon v Zimbabwe

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zimbabwe	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Cameroon	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Guinea	4	1	0	3	4	5	2

CONCACAF

23 entries (27 members, Cuba withdrew)

● *Top two in Group A play (home & away) against top two in Group B. Winning nation qualifies for finals. Runners-up play Oceania winners for right to play South America Group A runners-up for a place in the finals (United States qualify as hosts).*

Pre-preliminary Round

CARIBBEAN REGION — NORTH

21.03.92 Dominican Rep. v P. Rico 1-2
22.03.92 St Lucia v St Vincent 1-0
29.03.92 P. Rico v Dominican Rep. 1-1
29.03.92 St Vincent v St Lucia 3-1

Preliminary Round

CARIBBEAN REGION — NORTH

26.04.92 Bermuda v Haiti 1-0
25.05.92 Jamaica v Puerto Rico 2-1
25.05.92 Haiti v Bermuda 2-1
30.05.92 Puerto Rico v Jamaica 0-1
St Vincent v Cuba★

★ *Cuba withdrew.*

St Vincent, Bermuda & Jamaica qualify for 1st rnd

CARIBBEAN REGION — SOUTH

19.04.92 Dutch Antilles v Antigua 1-1
26.04.92 Antigua v Dutch Antilles 3-0
26.04.92 Guyana v Surinam 1-2
24.05.92 Barbados v Trin. & Tobago 1-2
25.05.92 Surinam v Guyana 1-1
31.05.92 Trin. & Tobago v Barbados 3-0

Trinidad & Tobago, Antigua and Surinam qualify for 1st rnd

First Round

CENTRAL REGION

19.07.92 Guatemala v Honduras 0-0
19.07.92 Nicaragua v El Salvador 0-5
23.07.92 El Salvador v Nicaragua 5-1
26.07.92 Honduras v Guatemala 2-0
16.08.92 Panama v Costa Rica 1-0
23.08.92 Costa Rica v Panama 5-1

El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica qualify for 2nd rnd

CARIBBEAN REGION

14.06.92 Antigua v Bermuda 0-3
05.07.92 Trinidad & Tobago v Jamaica ..1-2
04.07.92 Bermuda v Antigua 2-1
02.08.92 Surinam v St Vincent 0-0
16.08.92 Jamaica v Trinidad & Tobago ..1-1
30.08.92 St Vincent v Surinam 2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EL SALVADOR	6	4	1	1	12	6	9
CANADA	6	2	3	1	9	7	7
Jamaica	6	1	2	3	6	9	4
Bermuda	6	1	2	3	7	12	4

El Salvador & Canada qualify for final rnd

Final Round

04.04.93 El Salvador v Mexico 2-1
04.04.93 Honduras v Canada 2-2
11.04.93 Mexico v Honduras 3-0
11.04.93 Canada v El Salvador 2-0
18.04.93 Canada v Honduras 3-1
18.04.93 Mexico v El Salvador 3-1
25.04.93 Mexico v Canada 4-0
25.04.93 Honduras v El Salvador 2-0
02.05.93 Honduras v Mexico 1-4
02.05.93 El Salvador v Canada 1-2
09.05.93 Canada v Mexico 1-2
09.05.93 El Salvador v Honduras 2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MEXICO	6	5	0	1	17	5	10
Canada	6	3	1	2	10	10	7
El Salvador	6	2	0	4	6	11	4
Honduras	6	1	1	4	7	13	3

Mexico qualify for finals, Canada qualify for play-off with Australia.

Play-off

1st leg

31.07.93 Canada v Australia 2-1

2nd leg

15.08.93 Australia v Canada 2-1

Australia won 4-1 on pens & qualify for play-off with Argentina, see South America for details.

SOUTH AMERICA

9 entries (10 members, Chile suspended)

● *Winners of Group A & winners & runners-up in Group B qualify for finals. Group A runners-up play winners of CONCACAF/Oceania play-off for a place in the finals.*

GROUP A

01.08.93 Colombia v Paraguay 0-0
01.08.93 Peru v Argentina 0-1
08.08.93 Paraguay v Argentina 1-3
08.08.93 Peru v Colombia 0-1
15.08.93 Colombia v Argentina 2-1
15.08.93 Paraguay v Peru 2-1
22.08.93 Argentina v Peru 2-1
22.08.93 Paraguay v Colombia 1-1
29.08.93 Argentina v Paraguay 0-0
29.08.93 Colombia v Peru 4-0
05.09.93 Argentina v Colombia 0-5
05.09.93 Peru v Paraguay 2-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COLOMBIA	6	4	2	0	13	2	10
Argentina	6	3	1	2	7	9	7
Paraguay	6	1	4	1	6	7	6
Peru	6	0	1	5	4	12	1

Colombia qualify for finals, Argentina qualify for pay-off with Australia.

GROUP B

18.07.93 Ecuador v Brazil 0-0
18.07.93 Venezuela v Bolivia 1-7
25.07.93 Bolivia v Brazil 2-0
25.07.93 Venezuela v Uruguay 0-1
01.08.93 Uruguay v Ecuador 0-0
01.08.93 Venezuela v Brazil 1-5
08.08.93 Bolivia v Uruguay 3-0
08.08.93 Ecuador v Venezuela 5-0
15.08.93 Bolivia v Ecuador 1-0
15.08.93 Uruguay v Brazil 1-1
22.08.93 Bolivia v Venezuela 7-0
22.08.93 Brazil v Ecuador 2-0
29.08.93 Brazil v Bolivia 6-0
29.08.93 Uruguay v Venezuela 4-0
05.09.93 Brazil v Venezuela 4-0
05.09.93 Ecuador v Uruguay 0-1
12.09.93 Uruguay v Bolivia 2-1
12.09.93 Venezuela v Ecuador 2-1
19.09.93 Brazil v Uruguay 2-0
19.09.93 Ecuador v Bolivia 1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRAZIL	8	5	2	1	20	4	12
BOLIVIA	8	5	1	2	22	10	11
Uruguay	8	4	2	2	9	7	10
Ecuador	8	1	3	4	7	7	5
Venezuela	8	1	0	7	4	34	2

Brazil and Bolivia qualify for finals.

Play-off

1st leg

31.10.93 Australia v Argentina

2nd leg

17.11.93 Argentina v Australia

OCEANIA

7 entries (8 members, Western Samoa withdrew)

● *The two Group winners play (home & away) with the winners qualifying to meet the CONCACAF runners-up. The winners of that match will meet the South America Group A runners-up for a place in the finals.*

GROUP 1

11.07.92 Solomon Islands v Tahiti 1-1
04.09.92 Solomon Islands v Australia 1-2
11.09.92 Tahiti v Australia 0-3
20.09.92 Australia v Tahiti 2-0
25.09.92 Australia v Solomon Islands 6-1
09.10.92 Tahiti v Solomon Islands 4-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AUSTRALIA	4	4	0	0	13	2	8
Tahiti	4	1	1	2	5	8	3
Solomon Islands	4	0	1	3	5	13	1

Australia qualify for final play-off

GROUP 2

07.06.92 New Zealand v Fiji 3-0
27.06.92 Vanuatu v New Zealand 1-4
01.07.92 New Zealand v Vanuatu 8-0
12.09.92 Fiji v Vanuatu 3-0
19.09.92 Fiji v New Zealand 0-0
26.09.92 Vanuatu v Fiji 0-3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NEW ZEALAND	4	3	1	0	15	1	7
Fiji	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Vanuatu	4	0	0	4	1	18	0

New Zealand qualify for final play-off

Play-off

1st leg

30.05.93 New Zealand v Australia 0-1

2nd leg

06.06.93 Australia v New Zealand 3-0

Australia won 4-0 on agg and meet Canada in a play-off . See CONCACAF section for details.

ASIA

29 entries (36 members)

● *The six Group winners qualify for Second Round, to be played as (home & away) mini-league. Winners & runners-up qualify for finals.*

First Round

GROUP A

22.05.93 Jordan v Yemen ▲ 1-1
22.05.93 Pakistan v China ▲ 0-5
24.05.93 Jordan v Iraq ▲ 1-1
24.05.93 Yemen v Pakistan ▲ 5-1
26.05.93 Jordan v China ▲ 0-3
26.05.93 Yemen v Iraq ▲ 1-6
28.05.93 Pakistan v Iraq ▲ 0-8
28.05.93 Yemen v China ▲ 1-0
30.05.93 Jordan v Pakistan ▲ 3-1
30.05.93 Iraq v China ▲ 1-0
12.06.93 Yemen v Jordan ▼ 1-1
12.06.93 China v Pakistan ▼ 3-0
14.06.93 Iraq v Jordan ▼ 4-0
14.06.93 Pakistan v Yemen ▼ 0-3
16.06.93 China v Jordan ▼ 4-1
16.06.93 Iraq v Yemen ▼ 3-0
18.06.93 Iraq v Pakistan ▼ 4-0
18.06.93 China v Yemen ▼ 1-0
20.06.93 Pakistan v Jordan ▼ 0-5
20.06.93 China v Iraq ▼ 2-1

▲ in Amman, Jordan
▼ in Beijing, China

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IRAQ	8	6	1	1	28	4	13
China	8	6	0	2	18	4	12
Yemen	8	3	2	3	12	13	8
Jordan	8	2	3	3	12	15	7
Pakistan	8	0	0	8	2	36	0

GROUP B

23.06.93 Iran v Oman ▲ 0-0
23.06.93 Taiwan v Syria ▲ 0-2
25.06.93 Oman v Syria ▲ 0-0
25.06.93 Iran v Taiwan ▲ 6-0
27.06.93 Oman v Taiwan ▲ 2-1
27.06.93 Iran v Syria ▲ 1-1
02.07.93 Oman v Iran ▼ 0-1
02.07.93 Syria v Taiwan ▼ 8-1
04.07.93 Syria v Oman ▼ 2-1
04.07.93 Taiwan v Iran ▼ 0-6
06.07.93 Taiwan v Oman ▼ 1-7
06.07.93 Syria v Iran ▼ 1-1

▲ in Tehran, Iran
▼ in Damascus, Syria

★ *Myanmar (formerly Burma) withdrew.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IRAN	6	3	3	0	15	2	9
Syria	6	3	3	0	14	4	9
Oman	6	2	2	2	10	5	6
Taiwan	6	0	0	6	3	31	0

GROUP C

09.04.93 Qatar v Indonesia ▲ 3-1
09.04.93 North Korea v Vietnam ▲ 3-0
11.04.93 North Korea v Singapore ▲ 2-1
11.04.93 Qatar v Vietnam ▲ 4-0
13.04.93 North Korea v Indonesia ▲ 4-0
13.04.93 Vietnam v Singapore ▲ 2-3
16.04.93 Qatar v Singapore ▲ 4-1
16.04.93 Vietnam v Indonesia ▲ 1-0
18.04.93 Indonesia v Singapore ▲ 0-2
18.04.93 Qatar v North Korea ▲ 1-2
24.04.93 Indonesia v Qatar ▼ 1-4
24.04.93 Vietnam v North Korea ▼ 0-1
26.04.93 Singapore v North Korea ▼ 1-3
26.04.93 Vietnam v Qatar ▼ 0-4
28.04.93 Indonesia v North Korea ▼ 1-2
28.04.93 Singapore v Vietnam ▼ 1-0
30.04.93 Singapore v Qatar ▼ 1-0
30.04.93 Indonesia v Vietnam ▼ 2-1
02.05.93 Singapore v Indonesia ▼ 2-1
02.05.93 North Korea v Qatar ▼ 2-2

▲ in Doha, Qatar
▼ in Singapore

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH KOREA	8	7	1	0	19	6	15
Qatar	8	5	1	2	22	8	11
Singapore	8	5	0	3	12	12	10
Indonesia	8	1	0	7	6	19	2
Vietnam	8	1	0	7	4	18	2

GROUP D

07.05.93 Lebanon v India ▲ 2-2
07.05.93 Hong Kong v Bahrain ▲ 2-1
09.05.93 Bahrain v South Korea ▲ 0-0
09.05.93 Lebanon v Hong Kong ▲ 2-2
11.05.93 India v Hong Kong ▲ 1-2
11.05.93 Lebanon v South Korea ▲ 0-1
13.05.93 Lebanon v Bahrain ▲ 0-0
13.05.93 India v South Korea ▲ 0-3
15.05.93 Hong Kong v South Korea ▲ ..0-3
15.05.93 Bahrain v India ▲ 2-1
05.06.93 South Korea v Hong Kong ▼ ..3-0
05.06.93 Bahrain v Lebanon ▼ 0-0
07.06.93 India v Bahrain ▼ 0-3
07.06.93 South Korea v Lebanon ▼ 2-0
09.06.93 Hong Kong v Lebanon ▼ 1-2
09.06.93 South Korea v India ▼ 7-0
11.06.93 India v Lebanon ▼ 1-2
11.06.93 Bahrain v Hong Kong ▼ 3-0
13.06.93 South Korea v Bahrain ▼ 3-0
13.06.93 Hong Kong v India ▼ 1-3

▲ in Beirut, Lebanon
▼ in Seoul, South Korea

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTH KOREA	8	7	1	0	22	0	15
Bahrain	8	3	3	2	9	6	9
Lebanon	8	2	4	2	8	9	8
Hong Kong	8	2	1	5	8	18	5
India	8	1	1	6	8	22	3

GROUP E

01.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Macao ▲ 6-0
01.05.93 Malaysia v Kuwait ▲ 1-1
03.05.93 Kuwait v Macao ▲ 10-1
03.05.93 Malaysia v Saudi Arabia ▲ 1-1
05.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Kuwait ▲ 0-0
05.05.93 Malaysia v Macao ▲ 9-0
14.05.93 Malaysia v Kuwait ▼ 0-2
14.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Macao ▼ 8-0
16.05.93 Macao v Kuwait ▼ 0-8
16.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Malaysia ▼ 3-0
18.05.93 Malaysia v Macao ▼ 5-0
18.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Kuwait ▼ 2-0

▲ in Kuala Lumpur
▼ in Riyadh

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAUDI ARABIA	6	4	2	0	20	1	10
Kuwait	6	3	2	1	21	4	8
Malaysia	6	2	2	3	16	7	6
Macao	6	0	0	6	1	46	0

GROUP F

08.04.93 Japan v Thailand ▲ 1-0
08.04.93 Sri Lanka v UAE ▲ 0-4
11.04.93 Japan v Bangladesh ▲ 8-0
11.04.93 Thailand v Sri Lanka ▲ 1-0
13.04.93 Sri Lanka v Bangladesh ▲ 0-1
13.04.93 UAE v Thailand ▲ 1-0
15.04.93 Japan v Sri Lanka ▲ 5-0
15.04.93 UAE v Bangladesh ▲ 1-0
18.04.93 Japan v UAE ▲ 2-0
18.04.93 Thailand v Bangladesh ▲ 4-1
28.04.93 Thailand v Japan ▼ 0-1
28.04.93 UAE v Sri Lanka ▼ 3-0
30.04.93 Bangladesh v Japan ▼ 1-4
30.04.93 Thailand v UAE ▼ 1-2
03.05.93 Bangladesh v UAE ▼ 0-7
03.05.93 Sri Lanka v Thailand ▼ 0-3
05.05.93 Bangladesh v Thailand ▼ 1-4
05.05.93 Sri Lanka v Japan ▼ 0-6
07.05.93 Bangladesh v Sri Lanka ▼ 3-0
07.05.93 UAE v Japan ▼ 1-1

▲ in Tokyo, Japan
▼ in Dubai, UAE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JAPAN	8	7	1	0	28	2	15
UAE	8	6	1	1	19	4	13
Thailand	8	4	0	4	13	7	8
Bangladesh	8	2	0	6	7	28	4
Sri Lanka	8	0	0	8	0	26	0

Second Round

15.10.93 North Korea v Iraq
15.10.93 Saudi Arabia v Japan
16.10.93 Iran v South Korea
18.10.93 North Korea v Saudi Arabia
18.10.93 Japan v Iran
19.10.93 Iraq v South Korea
21.10.93 North Korea v Japan
22.10.93 Iran v Iraq
22.10.93 South Korea v Saudi Arabia
24.10.93 Iraq v Saudi Arabia
25.10.93 Japan v South Korea
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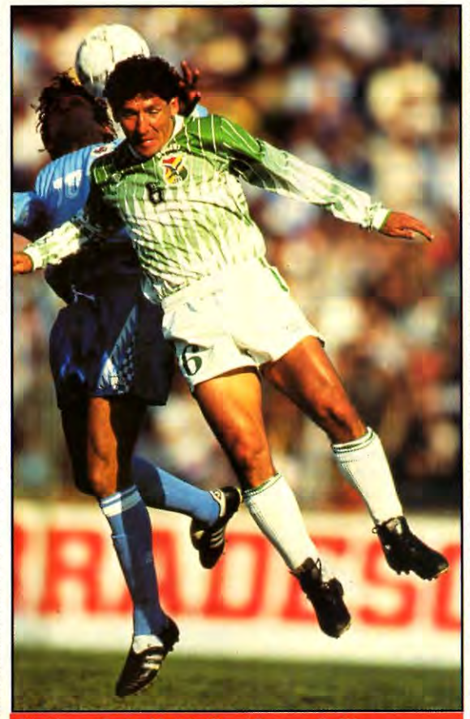
28.10.93 South Korea v North Korea
28.10.93 Saudi Arabia v Iran
28.10.93 Iraq v Japan

● all matches in Doha, Qatar.



Celebrating . . . Ferdinand after scoring for England against Poland.

Climbing . . . Borja of Bolivia (6) and Francescoli of Uruguay.

RESULTS

Ekoku scores four as Norwich win 5-1 at Everton . . . Rangers beat Celtic 1-0 in Scottish League Cup semi-final . . . Staelens hat-trick for Club Brugge at Anderlecht . . .

EUROPE

ENGLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

MIDWEEK

IPSWICH 1 (Kiwomya 77)
NEWCASTLE 1 (Cole 47). **Att:** 19,012.

LEEDS 1 (Strachan 12)
OLDHAM 0. **Att:** 28,717.

EVERTON 0
ASTON VILLA 1 (Whittingham 32). **Att:** 24,022.

WIMBLEDON 1 (Barton 34)
SOUTHAMPTON 0. **Att:** 6,036.

BLACKBURN 1 (Gallacher 36)
ARSENAL 1 (Campbell 76). **Att:** 14,051.

COVENTRY 1 (Babb 21)
LIVERPOOL 0. **Att:** 16,740.

MANCHESTER UTD 3 (Sharpe 7, Cantona 44 pen, Bruce 88)
WEST HAM 0. **Att:** 44,613.

WEEKEND

QPR 2 (Sinclair 15, Wilson 63 pen)
SHEFFIELD UTD 1 (Flo 10). **Att:** 11,113.

SHEFFIELD WED 3 (Bart-Williams 51, Bright 59, Sinton 62)
NORWICH 3 (Bowen 63, Ekoku 72, Sutton 76). **Att:** 25,175.

SWINDON 1 (Summerbee 60)
MAN CITY 3 (Vonk 74, Quinn 79, Mike 89). **Att:** 14,300.

TOTTENHAM 1 (Sheringham 85 pen)
CHELSEA 1 (Cascarino 23). **Att:** 27,567.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

ARSENAL 4 (Wright 30, Campbell 38, 55, 64)
IPSWICH 0. **Att:** 28,563.

ASTON VILLA 0
COVENTRY 0. **Att:** 31,181.

CHELSEA 1 (Peacock 17)
MANCHESTER UTD 0. **Att:** 37,064.

MAN CITY 3 (Quinn 17, Sheron 37, Flitcroft 70)
QPR 0. **Att:** 24,445.

NORWICH 0
WIMBLEDON 1 (Sanchez 57). **Att:** 14,851.

OLDHAM 0
EVERTON 1 (Cottee 32). **Att:** 13,666.

SHEFFIELD UTD 2 (Littlejohn 47, 62)
TOTTENHAM 2 (Sheringham 15, Dozzell 51). **Att:** 21,325.

SOUTHAMPTON 0
LEEDS 2 (Deane 51, Speed 89). **Att:** 13,511.

WEST HAM 0
SWINDON 0. **Att:** 15,777.

LIVERPOOL 0
BLACKBURN 1 (Newell 53). **Att:** 37,555.

NEWCASTLE 4 (Cole 21, 76, Mathie 81, Allen 88)
SHEFFIELD WED 2 (Sinton 26, 47). **Att:** 33,890.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

EVERTON 2 (Ward 27, Cottee 85)
LIVERPOOL 0. **Att:** 38,157.

COVENTRY 1 (Morgan 49)
CHELSEA 1 (Peacock 36). **Att:** 13,660.

TOTTENHAM 5 (Sedgley 5, Sheringham 6, 7, Durie 62, Dozzell 88)
OLDHAM 0. **Att:** 24,614.

QPR 2 (Sinclair 33, Ferdinand 83)
NORWICH 2 (McDonald 25 og, Eadie 39). **Att:** 13,359.

IPSWICH 1 (Marshall 9)
ASTON VILLA 2 (Saunders 19, Townsend 55). **Att:** 16,617.

SWINDON 2 (Ling 60, Mutch 61)
NEWCASTLE 2 (Clark 37, Allen 44 pen). **Att:** 15,015.

LEEDS 2 (McAllister 5, Strachan 29)
SHEFFIELD UTD 1 (G. Kelly 44 og). **Att:** 33,892.

BLACKBURN 0
WEST HAM 2 (Chapman 33, Morley 71). **Att:** 13,943.

SHEFFIELD WED 2 (Sheridan 59 pen, Hirst 80)
SOUTHAMPTON 0. **Att:** 22,503.

MANCHESTER UTD 1 (Cantona 40)
ARSENAL 0. **Att:** 44,009.

WIMBLEDON 1 (Earle 55)
MANCHESTER CITY 0. **Att:** 8,481.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MIDWEEK

COCA-COLA LEAGUE CUP — 2nd round, 1st leg

BARNET 1 QPR 2
BARNSLEY 1 PETERBORO 1
BIRMINGHAM 0 ASTON VILLA 1
BLACKBURN 1 BOURNEMOUTH 0
BLACKPOOL 3 SHEFF UTD 0
BOLTON 1 SHEFFIELD WED 1
BRADFORD 2 NORWICH 1
BURNLEY 0 TOTTENHAM 0
COVENTRY 3 WYCOMBE 0
C PALACE 3 CHARLTON 1
EXETER 1 DERBY 3
FULHAM 1 LIVERPOOL 3
GRIMSBY 3 HARTLEPOOL 0
HEREFORD 0 WIMBLEDON 1
HUDDERSFIELD 0 ARSENAL 5
IPSWICH 2 CAMBRIDGE 1
LINCOLN 3 EVERTON 4
MAN CITY 1 READING 1
MIDDLESBRO 5 BRIGHTON 0
NEWCASTLE 4 NOTTS CO 1
ROCHDALE 1 LEICESTER 6
ROTHERHAM 0 PORTSMOUTH 0
SOUTHAMPTON 1 SHREWSBURY 0
STOKE 2 MANCHESTER UTD 1
SUNDERLAND 2 LEEDS 1
SWANSEA 2 OLDHAM 1
SWINDON 2 WOLVES 0
TRANMERE 5 OXFORD 1
WATFORD 0 MILLWALL 0
WEST BROM 1 CHELSEA 1
WEST HAM 5 CHESTERFIELD 1
WREXHAM 3 N. FOREST 3

WEEKEND

ARSENAL 1 (Merson 45)
SOUTHAMPTON 0. **Att:** 26,902

BLACKBURN 1 (Shearer 81)
SHEFFIELD WED 1 (Hyde 55). **Att:** 13,917

CHELSEA 1 (Shipperley 49)
LIVERPOOL 0. **Att:** 31,271

COVENTRY 0
LEEDS 2 (Wallace 20, 48). **Att:** 13,934

EVERTON 1 (Rideout 13)
NORWICH 5 (Ekoku 44, 57, 63, 69, Sutton 77). **Att:** 20,531

MANCHESTER UTD 4 (Kanchelskis 4, Cantona 40, Hughes 50, 89)
SWINDON 2 (Mutch 78, Bodin 87 pen). **Att:** 44,583

NEWCASTLE 2 (Cole 51, 84)
WEST HAM 0. **Att:** 34,336

OLDHAM 1 (Halle 14)
ASTON VILLA 1 (Saunders 51). **Att:** 12,836

SHEFFIELD UTD 0
MANCHESTER CITY 1 (Sheron 56). **Att:** 20,067

IPSWICH 2 (Milton 58, Marshall 80)
TOTTENHAM 2 (Sheringham 28, Dozzell 87). **Att:** 19,411.

WIMBLEDON 1 (Ferdinand 42 og)
QPR 1 (McDonald 19). **Att:** 9,478.

SCOTLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

WEEKEND

KILMARNOCK 1 (McCluskey 68)
HIBERNIAN 1 (Evans 32). **Att:** 7,728.

DUNDEE 1 (Paterson 12)
RANGERS 1 (Hateley 85). **Att:** 14,364.

CELTIC 0
ABERDEEN 1 (Paatelainen 56). **Att:** 34,311.

RAITH ROVERS 1 (Nicholl 90)
DUNDEE UNITED 1 (McKinlay 4). **Att:** 4,871.

HEARTS 2 (Levein 24, Tierney 37 og)
PARTICK 1 (Britton 56). **Att:** 7,273.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

DUNDEE UNITED 1 (McLaren 31)
DUNDEE 0. **Att:** 10,664.

HIBERNIAN 2 (McAllister 8, Wright 37)
ABERDEEN 1 (Shearer 89). **Att:** 8,510.

KILMARNOCK 0
ST JOHNSTONE 0. **Att:** 5,670.

MOTHERWELL 2 (O'Donnell 48, McGrillen 88)
HEARTS 0. **Att:** 7,660.

RAITH ROVERS 1 (Crawford 69)
CELTIC 4 (Nicholas 10, 27, Payton 66, 89). **Att:** 8,200.

RANGERS 1 (Hateley 45)
PARTICK 1 (Grant 22). **Att:** 41,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

ABERDEEN 2 (Shearer 16, Pressley 34 og)
RANGERS 0. **Att:** 20,000.

PARTICK 1 (Craig 37)
MOTHERWELL 0. **Att:** 7,224.

DUNDEE 0
RAITH 1 (Hetherston 66). **Att:** 4,654.

CELTIC 1 (Creaney 70)
DUNDEE UTD 1 (McKinlay 68). **Att:** 26,377.

ST JOHNSTONE 1 (Wright 89)
HIBERNIAN 3 (O'Neill 2, McAllister 6, Wright 51). **Att:** 5,008.

HEARTS 0
KILMARNOCK 1 (Skilling 31). **Att:** 8,309.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 26

MIDWEEK

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP — Semi-finals

DUNDEE UTD 0
HIBERNIAN 1 (Jackson 10), **Att:** 19,024.

RANGERS 1 (Hateley 66)
CELTIC 0. **Att:** 47,480.

WEEKEND

ABERDEEN 4 (Shearer 31, Jess 56, Richardson 78, 84)
RAITH 1 (Denniss 88). **Att:** 11,500.

DUNDEE UTD 0
MOTHERWELL 0. **Att:** 6,633.

HEARTS 1 (Robertson 62)
CELTIC 0. **Att:** 14,761.

KILMARNOCK 3 (Black 17, McCluskey 46, Williamson 72)
PARTICK 1 (Craig 84). **Att:** 7,411.

RANGERS 2 (Steven 20, Hateley 52)
HIBERNIAN 1 (Evans 25). **Att:** 43,200.

ST JOHNSTONE 2 (Curran 38, Davies 45)
DUNDEE 1 (Dragutin 67). **Att:** 4,203.

AUSTRIA

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

MIDWEEK

SPORTCLUB 1
VfB MODLING 1

ADMIRA WACKER 1
SALZBURG 0

STURM GRAZ 1
ST POLTEN 0

RAPID WIEN 1
VORWARTS STEYR 1

WACKER INNSBRUCK 3
AUSTRIA WIEN 1

WEEKEND

AUSTRIA WIEN 4
VORWARTS STEYR 1

VfB MODLING 1
WACKER INNSBRUCK 1

SALZBURG 2
STURM GRAZ 0

RAPID WIEN 1
ADMIRA WACKER 2

ST POLTEN 0
SPORTCLUB 1

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

SPORTCLUB 1
ST POLTEN 1

VORWARTS STEYR 2
AUSTRIA WIEN 0

ADMIRA WACKER 2
RAPID WIEN 0

STURM GRAZ 0
SALZBURG 2

INNSBRUCK 4
MODLING 2

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

MODLING 0
AUSTRIA WIEN 2

SALZBURG 3
SPORTCLUB 1

ADMIRA WACKER 2
VORWARTS STEYR 0

RAPID WIEN 2
STURM GRAZ 1

ST POLTEN 0
INNSBRUCK 0

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

SPORTCLUB 0
RAPID WIEN 1

STURM GRAZ 1
ADMIRA WACKER 2

VORWARTS STEYR 1
MODLING 1

INNSBRUCK 2
SALZBURG 0

AUSTRIA WIEN 3
ST POLTEN 0

Manchester United's Lee Sharpe (left) and Arsenal's Kevin Campbell battle for possession during United's 1-0 win at Old Trafford.

Oostende's Bonomi (left) and Waregem's Dekenne in opposition.

BELGIUM

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

WEEKEND

GENK 3 (Busutil 18, Claessens 59, Gools 75)
GENT 3 (Booy 33, 39, Vanenberg 53). **Att:** 5,300.

SERAING 1 (Edmilson 6)
CERCLE BRUGES 1 (Weber 18). **Att:** 4,000.

LIEGE 0
ANTWERP 0. **Att:** 8,000.

WAREGEM 0
OOSTEND 0. **Att:** 5,000.

CLUB BRUGGE 1 (Staelens 50)
STANDARD 0. **Att:** 11,000.

MECHELEN 1 (Armanbasic 11)
LOMMEL 1 (Cannaerts 18). **Att:** 8,000.

EKEREN 1 (M'Sumbu 27)
CHARLEROI 0. **Att:** 4,000.

RWDM 3 (Rouyr 28, Albert 40 og, Wuyts 62)
ANDERLECHT 4 (Albert 15, Crasson 23, 68, Bosman 56). **Att:** 17,000.

BEVEREN 1 (Oulare 51)
LIERSE 1 (Rekdal 67). **Att:** 7,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

GENT 1 (De Roover 77)
RWDM 1 (Rouyr 33). **Att:** 6,000.

CERCLE BRUGES 1 (Lauwers 9)
GENK 1 (Goots 29). **Att:** 3,000.

STANDARD 3 (Rychkov 53, Goossens 70, 77)
EKEREN 0. **Att:** 7,500.

LIERSE 1 (Pauwels 67)
CLUB BRUGGE 1 (Amokachi 29). **Att:** 9,000.

LOMMEL 2 (Peeters 49, Cannaerts 90)
BEVEREN 0. **Att:** 9,000.

WAREGEM 2 (Vidmar 18, 64)
LIEGE 1 (Kinwambo 14). **Att:** 6,000.

ANDERLECHT 1 (Nilis 14)
MECHELEN 1 (Czerniatynski 59). **Att:** 17,000.

OOSTEND 1 (Rehty 89)
CHARLEROI 0. **Att:** 7,000.

ANTWERP 2 (Severyns 83, Kikens 53)
SERAING 1 (Edmilson 77). **Att:** 5,000.

WEEKEND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

CHARLEROI 1 (Malbasa 30)
STANDARD 0. **Att:** 20,000.

GENK 0
ANTWERP 2 (Bursac 48, Porte 83). **Att:** 6,000.

LIEGE 1 (Ernes 10)
OOSTEND 2 (Jwietek 27, 68). **Att:** 7,000.

MECHELEN 4 (Eszenyi 11, 48, 83, Czerniatynski 58)
GENT 1 (Viscaal 67). **Att:** 10,000.

RWDM 1 (Kepa 80)
CERCLE BRUGES 3 (Lauwers 20, Weber 47, 87). **Att:** 6,000.

CLUB BRUGGE 4 (Amokachi 20, 52, Van Der Heyden 25, Vernant 60)
LOMMEL 1 (Cannaerts 47). **Att:**13,000.

EKEREN 2 (Van De Malle 73 pen, Brocken 34)
LIERSE 0. **Att:** 3,000.

SERAING 5 (Isaias 21, 66, Wamberto 39, 61, Edmilson 68)
WAREGEM 2 (Vidmar 34, Kruzen 51). **Att:** 6,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

GENT 2 (Viscaal 24, De Meyer 84)
BEVEREN 3 (Bogaerts 14, Udovic 18, Looders 77). **Att:** 8,500.

CERCLE BRUGES 0
MECHELEN 1 (Eszenyi 65). **Att:** 3,500.

LIERSE 2 (De Smet 11, Simmes 31)
CHARLEROI 2 (Van Meir 65, Balogh 73). **Att:** 7,200.

LIEGE 0
SERAING 0. **Att:** 12,000.

LOMMEL 3 (Berghuis 9, Peeters 38, Scavone 90)
EKEREN 1 (N'Sumbu 14). **Att:** 6,500.

WAREGEM 2 (Kruzen 60, Urban 77)
GENK 1 (Sarpong 82). **Att:** 4,000.

ANDERLECHT 0
CLUB BRUGGE 3 (Staelens 45, 52, 64). **Att:** 27,000.

ANTWERP 1 (Perte 32)
RWDM 0. **Att:** 5,000.

OOSTENDE 2 (Keshinro 10, Jarrik 90)
STANDARD 0. **Att:** 11,000.

HOLLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

MIDWEEK

MVV 1 (Lanckhor 89)
AJAX 1 (Litmanen 57). **Att:** 10,732.

UTRECHT 2 (De Kruyff 69, 89)
GRONINGEN 0. **Att:** 3,000.

RKC 1 (Decherver 30)
FEYENOORD 2 (Witschge 48, Scholten 65). **Att:** 6,000.

WEEKEND

WILLEM II 4 (Smits 56, H.V. Arum 60, M.V. Geel 80, Stewart 86)
UTRECHT 1 (V.D. Ark 79). **Att:** 6,000.

MVV 0
VITESSE 2 (Gillhaus 29, Coech 63). **Att:** 5,614.

HEERENVEEN 0
RODA JC 0. **Att:** 9,000.

SPARTA 1 (Van der Laan 89)
RKC 1 (Peelen 18). **Att:** 3,000.

GA EAGLES 3 (Azts 21, Pothoven 30, Cameron 84)
CAMBUUR 0. **Att:** 5,500.

NAC 1 (Lammers 58)
FEYENOORD 2 (Heus 72 pen, Van Loen 87). **Att:** 11,200.

AJAX 2 (George 76, Litmanen 87)
PSV 0. **Att:** 42,000.

GRONINGEN 0
VVV 3 (Graaf 62, 72, Braam 90). **Att:** 10,548.

VOLENDAM 2 (Stefanovic 47, Petist 70)
TWENTE 5 (Boerebach 6, Vurens 16, 52, Hoofman 71, Arts 85). **Att:** 3,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MIDWEEK

VITESSE 2 (Gillhaus 25, Helder 80)
SPARTA 0. **Att:** 6,521.

RODA 1 (Van Galen 76)
WILLEM II 1 (Hofstede 66). **Att:** 5,000.

RKC 1 (Brands 62)
NAC 0. **Att:** 5,500.

PSV 4 (Lamptey 41, 73, Koeman 56, 81)
MVV 2 (Roelofsen 17, 17). **Att:** 25,800.

FEYENOORD 2 (Taument 14, Obiku 89)
VOLENDAM 0. **Att:** 20,236.

CAMBUUR 1 (Keizer 90)
HEERENVEEN 2 (Keur 58, 83). **Att:** 13,000.

TWENTE v GRONINGEN — *postponed.*

VVV 1 (Torken 29)
GA EAGLES 0. **Att:** 6,112.

WEEKEND

WILLEM II 4 (Van Arum 17, 36, Sylla 75, Van Hintum 85)
CAMBUUR 1 (Keizer 69). **Att:** 6,000.

MVV 2 (Visser 25, 54)
UTRECHT 1 (Bijl 68). **Att:** 5,600.

HEERENVEEN 1 (Keur 84)
VVV 0. **Att:** 4,000.

SPARTA 0
PSV 0. **Att:** 4,500.

GA EAGLES 3 (Kammeron 33, 58, 85)
TWENTE 3 (Vurens 39, Polley 70, Hoogma 88). **Att:** 7,000.

VITESSE 4 (Cocu 10, 22, Gillhaus 87, Helder 90)
RKC 1 (Brands 38). **Att:** 4,715.

AJAX 2 (Litmanen 36, 88 pen)
RODA 0. **Att:** 18,886.

GRONINGEN 0
FEYENOORD 4 (Blinker 60, Van Loen 72, 89 pen, Gorre 86). **Att:** 14,081.

VOLENDAM 1 (Vukov 73)
NAC 3 (Lammers 21, 50, Remic 68). **Att:** 3,500.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MIDWEEK

VITESSE 3 (Gillhaus 5, Helder 60, Latuheru 88)
HEERENVEEN 0. **Att:** 6,547.

TWENTE 0
GRONINGEN 1 (Chald 74). **Att:** 5,400.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

NAC BREDA 2 (Lammers 5, Van Brehen 40)
GRONINGEN 1 (Wijnhard 85). **Att:** 8,510.

FC UTRECHT 3 (Bijl 2, Van der Ark 80, De Kruijff 85)
SPARTA 1 (Van Eck (24). **Att:** 4,500.

FEYENOORD 1 (Scholten 86)
GA EAGLES 0. **Att:** 20,487

FC TWENTE 2 (Van Halst 2, Polley 56)
HEERENVEEN 1 (Tammer 50). **Att:** 6,600

RODA JC 4 (Van der Luer 10, Hofstede 31, 45, Huiberts 49)
MVV 1. **Att:** 5,756.

RKC 1 (Streppel 50)
VOLENDAM 3 (Smeets 43, Stefanovic 80, 84). **Att:** 3,000.

PSV v VITESSE — *postponed*

VVV v WILLEM II — *postponed*

CAMBUUR v AJAX — *postponed*

PORTUGAL

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WEEKEND

ESTORIL 0
MARITIMO 1 (J. Andrade 74). **Att:** 10,000.

BEIRA-MAR 1 (Dino 76)
BENFICA 1 (Isaias 83). **Att:** 6,000.

FC PORTO 0
FAMALICAO 0. **Att:** 15,000.

BOAVISTA 1 (Marlon Brandao 89)
BRAGA 0. **Att:** 7,500.

GUIMARAES 1 (Paolo Bento 59)
PACOS FERREIRA 0. **Att:** 7,000.

GIL VICENTE 2 (Amancio 12, Drulovic 88 pen)
SALGUEIROS 0. **Att:** 7,830.

UNIAO MADEIRA 2 (Jokanovic 35, Lepi 41)
SETUBAL 1 (Chiquinho Conde 39). **Att:** 5,350.

SPORTING v BELENENSES — *postponed.*

FARENSE 1 (Hassan 37)
AMADORA 0. **Att:** 8,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WEEKEND

BENFICA 4 (C. Brito 30, Paneira 54 pen, Joao Pinto 71, Rui Aguas 89)
FARENSE 1 (Hassan 58). **Att:** 30,000.

MARITIMO 0
BEIRA-MAR 2 (Punivic 35, Dino 41). **Att:** 11,300.

FAMALICAO 1 (Freitas 65 pen)
ESTORIL 0. **Att:** 8,000.

BRAGA v FC PORTO — *postponed.*

PACOS FERREIRA 1 (Rudi 48)
BOAVISTA 0. **Att:** 12,000.

SALGUIEROS 1 (Toze 50)
GUIMARAES 0. **Att:** 78,000.

AMADORA 0
SPORTING 4 (Balakov 63 pen, 73, Frederico 79 og, Figo 82). **Att:** 8,000.

SETUBAL 0
GIL VICENTE 2 (Ruineves 15, Amanacio 20). **Att:** 15,000.

BELENENSES 2 (Goncalvez 15, Guto 66)
UNIAO MADEIRA 1 (Beto 62 pen). **Att:** 10,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

WEEKEND

BENFICA 2 (Joao Pinto 32, Isaias 90)
MARITIMO 0. **Att:** 20,000.

FC PORTO 0
PACOS FERREIRA 0. **Att:** 12,000.

BOAVISTA 3 (Artur 69, Nelson 79, Marlon Brandao 86)
SALGUEIROS 1 (Tuilpa 76). **Att:** 10,000.

BEIRA-MAR 1 (Dino 24)
FAMALICAO 0. **Att:** 12,000.

ESTORIL 1 (Voinov 53 pen)
BRAGA 1 (King 25). **Att:** 5,000.

GUIMARAES 1 (Ziad 24)
SETUBAL 0. **Att:** 13,800.

GIL VICENTE 0
BELENENSES 3 (J.M. Pinto 34, Goncalves 67 o.g, Mauro Airez 87). **Att:** 8,400.

UNIAO MADEIRA 2 (Rodrigo 60, Peto 90 o.g.)
AMADORA 2 (Fernando 69, Zeze Gomez 71). **Att:** 8,400.

FARENSE 0
SPORTING LISBON 1 (Balakov 83). **Att:** 15,000.

SWITZERLAND

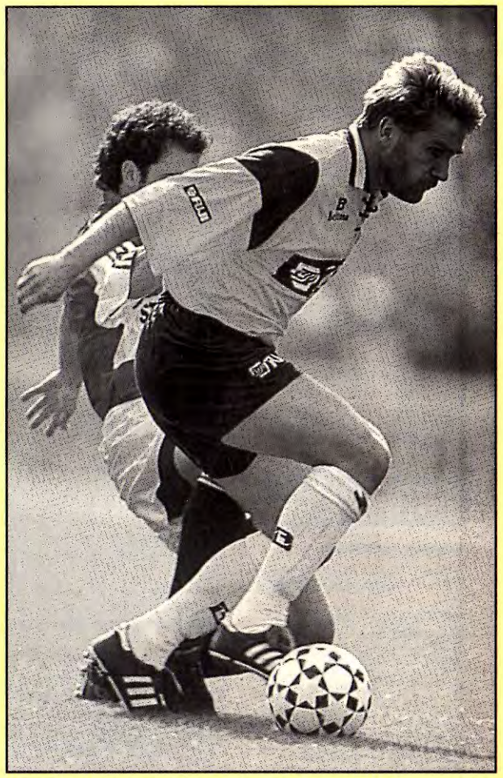
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

MIDWEEK

SION 1 (Fournier 8)
YOUNG BOYS 0. **Att:** 8,500.

GRASSHOPPER 3 (Elber 3, Wiederkear 58, Besnard 68 og)
YVERDON 1 (Castella 35). **Att:** 2,900.

NEUCHATEL 4 (Wittz 6 pen, Ramzy 18, Hanfrepa 32, Zemaria 63)
SERVETTE 1 (Anderson 88). **Att:** 12,000.



NAC's Ton Lokhoff in action during his side's 2-1 defeat by Feyenoord.

RESULTS

Colombia thrash Argentina 5-0 and qualify for World Cup finals . . . Radu Ioiu scores four for Romania against the Faroes . . . Salinas hat-trick for Spain in Albania . . .

LUCERNE 2 (Nadic 42, Tuce 94)
KRIENS 1 (Iovanovic 53). **Att:** 11,400.

LAUSANNE v AARAU — *postponed*

LUGANO v ZURICH — *postponed*

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MIDWEEK

CUP — 4th round

ST JEAN 2
LAUSANNE 13

SUBINGEN 0
XAMAX 9

ECHALLENS 1
SERVETTE 6

BALE 4
AARAU 1

DUBENDORF 1
LUGANO 2

TUGGEN 1
ST GALLEN 6

DURRENAST 0
YOUNG BOYS 4

KOLLIKEN 0
LUCERNE 5

BULACH 1
FC ZURICH 2

FRENBACH 0
GRASSHOPPER 2

WEEKEND

SERVETTE 1 (Anderson 11 pen)
YOUNG BOYS 1 (Reich 28). **Att:** 5,600.

YVERDON 1 (Castella 40)
SION 1 (Assis 42). **Att:** 5,800.

KRIENS 0
GRASSHOPPER 2 (Koller 10, Bickel 73). **Att:** 2,000.

ZURICH 4 (Waas 36, Grassi 74, Sahin 84, Kaqi 87)
LUCERNE 0. **Att:** 6,800.

AARAU 0
LUGANO 2 (Colombo 21, Subiat 69). **Att:** 2,800.

NEUCHATEL 0
LAUSANNE 2 (Badea 34, La Placa 39). **Att:** 8,200.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MIDWEEK

LAUSANNE 2 (Jacobacci 21, La Placa 44)
AARAU 0. **Att:** 4,500.

LUGANO 2 (Subiat 22, Andrioli 89 pen)
FC ZURICH 2 (Baljic 2, Wass 13).
Att: 2,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEEKEND

YOUNG BOYS 1 (Sutter 20)
YVERDON 0. **Att:** 4,350.

FC SION 0
KRIENS 0. **Att:** 5,500.

GRASSHOPPER 2 (Willems 30, Elber 58)
FC ZURICH 0. **Att:** 10,300.

LUCERNE 5 (Guntensterger 22, 71, Gerstenmaier 34, 44 76)
AARAU 2 (Romano 62, Kilian 63).
Att: 6,800.

LAUSANNE 2 (Calderon 22, Jacobacci 65)
SERVETTE 3 (Barberis 38, 60, Sauthier 45). **Att:** 1,200.

LUGANO 2 (Subiat 60, Andrioli 75)
NEUCHATEL 2 (Adriano 26, 51).
Att: 2,000.

INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Sep 5 = Lima, Peru — WC S America gp A
PERU 2 (Muchotrigo, Jorge Soto)
PARAGUAY 2 (Mendoza 2
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Jose L. Dagrosa (Uru).
Peru: Miranda, Jorge, Soto, Reynoso, Jose Soto, Olivares, Barco, Del Solar, Zegarra, Valencia, Baroni, Muchotrigo.
Paraguay: Chilavert, Barrios (Ferreira), Rivarola, Ayala, Suarez, V. Sanabria (Monzon), Acuna, Struway, Cabanas, Mendoza, C. Torres.

RCS striker Peter Dubovsky fires a free-kick past the Welsh wall during the 2-2 World Cup qualifying draw in Cardiff.

Sep 5 = Buenos Aires, Argentina — WC S America gp A
ARGENTINA 0
COLOMBIA 5 (Rincon 2, Asprilla 2, Valencia)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Ernesto Filippi (Uru).
Argentina: Goycochea, Saldana, Ruggeri, Borelli, Altamirano, Zapata, Redondo (Garcia), Simeone, Rodriguez (Acosta), Medina Bello, Batistuta.
Colombia: Cordoba, Herrera, Perea, Mendoza, Perez, Gomez, Alvarez, Rincon, Valderrama, Asprilla, Valencia.

Sep 5 = Guayaquil, Ecuador — WC S America gp B
ECUADOR 0
URUGUAY 1 (Sosa)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Enrique Marin (Chi).
Ecuador: Espinoza, Capurro, I. Hurtado (Aviles), B. Tenorio, Noriega, Carabali, Carcelen (Chala), Aguinaga, Gavica, E. Hurtador, Munoz.
Uruguay: Siboldi, Herrera, Kanapkis, Canals, G. Mendez, Gutierrez, Batista, Dorta, Francescoli (Fonseca), Sosa, Aguilera (Sarralegui).

Sep 5 = Belo Horizonte, Brazil — WC S America gp B
BRAZIL 4 (Ricardo Gomez 2, Palhina, Evair)
VENEZUELA 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Franciso Lamolina (Arg).
Brazil: Taffarel, Jorginho, Ricardo Rocha, Ricardo Gomez, Branco, Mauro Silva, Palhinha, Rai, Zinho, Valdeir (Luis Henrique), Evair.
Venezuela: Gomez, Filosa, Tortolero, H. Rivas, C. Garcia, Rodriguez, Chacon (Hernandez), Echenausi, Paez Pumar (Milillo), J. Garcia, Morales.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Sep 8 = Aberdeen — WC Euro gp 1
SCOTLAND 1 (Collins 50)
SWITZERLAND 1 (Bregy 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 24,000. **Ref:** M. Quiniou (Fra).
Scotland: Gunn — McKimmie, Irvine, Levein, Robertson, Nevin, Bowman (O'Donnell 75), McAllister, Collins, Booth (Jess 75), Durie.
Switzerland: Pascolo — Quentin, Herr, Geiger, Rothenbuhler (Grassi 55), Ohrel, Bregy, Sforza, A. Sutter, Knup, Chapuisat.

Sep 8 = Wembley, London — WC Euro gp 2
ENGLAND 3 (Ferdinand 5, Gascoigne 49, Pearce 53)
POLAND 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 71,220. **Ref:** M. Van den Wijngaert (Bel).
England: Seaman — Jones, Adams, Pallister, Pearce, Platt, Ince, Gascoigne, Sharpe, Ferdinand, I. Wright.
Poland: Bako — Adamczuk (Bak 78), Lesiak, Kozminski, Czachowski, Brzeczek, Warzycha, Swierczewski, Kosecki, Lesniak, Furtok (Ziober 45).

Sep 8 = Windsor Park, Belfast — WC Euro gp 3
NORTHERN IRELAND 2 (J. Quinn 35, Gray 80)
LITHUANIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,400. **Ref:** M. Pinto Correia (Por)
N Ireland: Wright — Fleming, Worthington, Taggart, Donaghy, Magilton, Wilson, Quinn, Hughes, Dowie, Gray.
Lithuania: Karavayev — Troitski, Alexeienko, Ivanov, Gnedouys, Popkov, Sharando, Shevliakov, Babichev, Linards, Yeliseyev.

Sep 8 = Tirana — WC Euro gp 3
ALBANIA 0
DENMARK 1 (Pingel 63)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Leizou (Cyp)
Albania: Strakosha — Bano, Shulku, Vata, Kacaj, Kushta, Lekbello, Millo, Demollari, Sortuzi (Zalla 46), Zmijani.
Denmark: Schmeichel — Olsen, Kjeldbjerg, Rieper, Friis-Hansen (Larsen 61), Steen Nielsen, Jensen (Hogh 51), Vilfort, B Laudrup, M Laudrup, Pingel.

Sep 8 = Dublin — WC Euro gp 3
REP. IRELAND 2 (Aldridge 4, Kernaghan 25)
LITHUANIA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Petersen (Den).
Ireland: Bonner — Irwin, Moran, Kernaghan, Phelan, Houghton, Keane, Townsend (Whelan 67), Staunton, Aldridge, Quinn (Cascarino 74).
Lithuania: Stauce — Ziukas, Baltusnikas, Kalvaitis, Tereskinas, Apasavicius, Baranauskas, Skarbalius (Staliunas 84), Stumbrys, Kirilovas (Maciulevicius 68), Slekys.

Sep 8 = Cardiff WC Euro gp 4
WALES 2 (Giggs 21, Rush 35)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2 (Kuka 16, Dubovsky 67)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 37,558. **Ref:** Ansuategui Roca (Spa)
Wales: Southall — Phillips, Bowen, Aizlewood, Young, Symons, Horne, Saunders, Rush, Hughes, Giggs.
Czechoslovakia: Kouba — Latal, Suchoparek, Hasek, Kadlec, Nemecek, Hapal, Novotny, Ńuka, Dubovsky, Moravcik.

Sep 8 = Toftir — WC Euro gp 4
FAROE ISLANDS 0
ROMANIA 4 (Raducioiu 23, 58, 60, 76)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,724. **Ref:** Zhuk (Bel)
Faroes: Knudsen — Jakobsen, Johannesen, Kurt Morkore, Justinussen — Allan Morkore (Nolsoe 78), Jarnskor, Dam, Hansen, Reynheim, Hansen (Pall a Reynatugvu 76).
Romania: Prunea — Petrescu (Craioveanu 76), Selymes, Prodan, Lupescu, Popescu, Munteanu, Sabau, Raducioiu, Hagi, Vladoiu (Panduru 68).

Sep 8 = Reykjavik — WC Euro gp 5
ICELAND 1 (Ingolfsson 61)
LUXEMBOURG 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,969. **Ref:** Nemus Napoleon Djurhuus (Fl)
Iceland: B Kristinsson — Birgisson, Bergsson, K Jonsson, O Thordarsson, S Jonsson, R Kristinsson, Ingolfsson, A Gudjohnsen. T Gudjohnsson, Gunnlaugsson.
Luxembourg: Koch — Bossi, Birsens, Petry, Wolf, Holtz, Hellers, Saibene, Malget (Cardoni 80), Langers (Morocutti 58), Groff.

Sep 8 = Budapest — WC Euro gp 5
HUNGARY 1 (Nikiforov og 20)
RUSSIA 3 (Piatnitski 14, Kiriakov 53, Borodyuk 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Constantin (Rom)
Hungary: Vegh — Banfi, Puglits, Kuttor, Bordas, J Kovacs (Albert 64), Detari, Lipcsei (Halmai 69), Vincze, Csetoei, Klausz.
Russia: Kharin — Nikiforov, Gorlukovich, A Ivanov, Kanchelskis, Piatnitski (Dobrovolski 71), Shalimov, Onopko, Kolivanov, Yuran (Borodyuk 56), Kiryakov.

Sep 8 = Sofia — WC Euro gp 6
BULGARIA 1 (Stoichkov 21 pen)
SWEDEN 1 (Dahlin 26)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** Wojciech (Pol)
Bulgaria: Ananiev — Kranenliev, T Ivanov, Tsvetanov, Rakov, Yankov, E Kostadinev (I Yordanov 77), Stoichkov, Alexandrov (Donkov 54), Lechkov, Balukov.
Sweden: Ravelli — J Nilsson, Eriksson, Andersson, Ljung, Schwarz, Limpar, Ingesson, Thern, Dahlin (Rehn 85), Brolin (Ekstrom 70).

Sep 8 = Tampere — WC Euro gp 6
FINLAND 0
FRANCE 2 (Blanc 47, Papin 55 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** Lodge (Eng)
Finland: Jakonen — Kinnunen, Kanerva, Petaja, Eriksson, Suominen (Paavola 75), Lindberg, Litmanen, Hjelm, Rajamaki (Ruhanen 77), Faatelainen.
France: Lama — Blanc, Desailly, Roche, Petit, Deschamps (Guerin 86), Sauzee, Le Guen, Martins (Pedros 71), Papin, Cantona.

Sep 8 = Oslo — friendly
NORWAY 1 (Bjornebye 13)
UNITED STATES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,348. **Ref:** Zen Ruffinen (Swi)
Norway: Thorstvedt — Halle, Berg, T Pedersen, Bjornebye, Flo, Leonhardsen, Rekdal, Bohinen, J O Pedersen (J I Jakobsen 46), Sorloth (Fjortoft 46).
United States: Friedel — Armstrong, Lalas, Lapper, Agoos, Wynalda (Moore 71), Sorber, Dooley, Perez (Chung 65), Jones, Wegerle.

Sep 8 = Alicante — friendly
SPAIN 2 (Guerrero 61, 89)
CHILE 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
Spain: Zubizarreta — Goikotxea, Alkorta (Caminero 46), Hierro, Solozabal (Otero 46), Toni, Guardiola (Camarasa 46), Guerrero, Nadal, Claudio (Kiko 46), Salinas (Estebaranz 46).
Chile: Ramirez — Mendoza, Juan Gonzalez, *Hugo Gonzalez, Richard Gonzalez (Ruiz 70) — Salas, Lepe, Tupper, Guevara (Sierra 46) — Estay, Carreno.
**H Gonzalez sent off, 89min.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Sep 12 = Montevideo — WC S America gp B
URUGUAY 2 (Francescoli 3 pen, Fonseca 51)
BOLIVIA 1 (Ramallo 23)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Perez (Col)
Uruguay: Siboldi — Mendez, Herrera, Canals, Batista — Dorta, Gutierrez (Zalazar), Francescoli — Aguilera, Fonseca (Saralegui), Cedres.
Bolivia: Trucco — Quinteros, Rimba, Rivero, Pena, Cristaldo — Melgar, Borja, Baldivieso (Pinedo), Sanchez — Ramallo (Pena).

Sep 12 = Ciudad Guayana — WC S America gp B
VENEZUELA 2 (J Garcia 1, Morales 47)
ECUADOR 1 (Tenorio 5)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Chapel (Peru)
Venezuela: Gomez — Filosa, Tortolero, Morales, Goznalez — Paez, Echenausi, H Rivas, S Rivas — J Garcia (Contreras), Camacho (Rodriguez).
Ecuador: Espinoza — Munoz (Aviles), Noriega, Capurro, I Hurtado — Carcelen, Carabali, Coronel — Fernandez, E Hurtado, Chala (Gavica).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Sep 16 = Casablanca — friendly
MOROCCO 3 (Laghrissi 25, 55, Chaouch 37)
MALI 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 8,000

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Sep 19 = Guayaquil — WC S America gp B
ECUADOR 1 (Noriega 86)
BOLIVIA 1 (Ramallo 44)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Toro (Col)
Ecuador: Espinoza — Coronel, Noriega, Ivan Hurtado, Capurro — Fernandez, Chala (Carcelen 54), Tenorio, Aguinaga — Aviles, Munoz (Gavica 43).
Bolivia: Trucco — Soruco (Pinedo 78), Sandy, Quinteros, Cristaldo — Rivero, Borja, Melgar, Baldivieso — Sanchez, Ramallo (Etcheverry 58).

Sep 19 = Rio de Janeiro — WC S America gp B
BRAZIL 2 (Romario 72, 82)
URUGUAY 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 101,500. **Ref:** Tejada (Peru).
Brazil: Taffarel — Jorginho, Ricardo Rocha, Ricardo Gomes, Branco — Mauro Silva, Dunga, Rai, Zinho — Bebeto, Romario.
Uruguay: Siboldi — Canals (Adrian Paz 68), Mendez, Herrera, Kanapkis, Batista — Dorta, Gutierrez, Francescoli (Zalazar 68) — Sosa, Fonseca.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Sep 22 = Tallinn — WC Euro gp 1
ITALY 3 (R. Baggio 20 pen, 73, Mancini 59)
ESTONIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,350.
Estonia: Poom — R Kallaste, Bragin, Prins, Alonen, T Kallaste, Borisov, Ratnikov, Reim, Hepner, Klavan.
Italy: Pagliuca — Benarrivo, Fortunato, Albertini, Costacurta, Baresi, Lombardo (Mancini 46), Manicone, Casiraghi, Baggio, Eranio.

Sep 22 = Oslo — WC Euro gp 2
NORWAY 1 (Flo 55)
POLAND 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 21,968. **Ref:** Pairetto (Ita)
Norway: *Thorstvedt — Berg, T Pedersen, Bratseth, Bjornebye (Nilsen 46) — Halle, Bohinen, Rekdal, Ingebrigtsen (Grodas 57) — Flo, Fjortoft.
**Thorstvedt sent off, 57min.*
Poland: Bako — *Szewczyk — Wegrzyn, Bak, Kozminski- Swierczewski, Rudy, R Warzycha (Brzeczek 84), Ziober — Kosecki, Lesniak.
**Szewczyk sent off, 59min.*

Sep 22 — Bologna — WC Euro gp 2
SAN MARINO 0
HOLLAND 7 (Bosman 1, 66, 76, Jonk 21, 43, R. De Boer 51, Koeman 79 pen)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 3,400. **Ref:** S Agius (Malta).
San Marino: Benedettini — Gennari, Valentini, Canti, Gobbi, I Toccaceli — Bonini, *M Mazza, P Della Valle — Bacchiocchi (Gualtieri 55), P Mazza.
**M Mazza sent off, 70min.*
Holland: De Goey — R Koeman, F De Boer — Wouters, Rijkaard, Jonk, Overmars, Bergkamp, Bosman, Kieft (R De Boer 46), Roy.

Sep 22 = Tirana — WC Euro gp 3
ALBANIA 1 (Kushta 40)
SPAIN 5 (Salinas 4, 30, 58, Toni 18, Caminero 67)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 8,000.
Albania: Strakosha — Abazi, Dashi, Vata, Kacaj, Shulku, Millo, Fortuzi, Kepa (Dalipi 79), Kushta, Shehu,
Spain: Zubizarreta — Francisco Camarasa, Alkorta, Nadal, Toni, Goikoetxea, Hierro, Guerrero (Guardiola 55), Caminero, Salinas, Alfonso (Quique Estebaranz 72).

Sep 22 = Bucharest — intl friendly
ROMANIA 1 (Panduru 49)
ISRAEL 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000.

Sep 22 = Tunis — intl friendly
TUNISIA 1 (Faouzi Rouissi 61)
GERMANY 1 (Moller 55)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 43,000. **Ref:** Madjiba (Alg)
Tunisia: El Quaer — Thabet — Okbi, Taoufik, Nouira — Maaloul, Chihi (Trabelesi 87), L Rouissi, Mahjoubi (Ordi 87) — F Rouissi, Sellimi.
Germany: Illgner — Matthaus, Schulz, Kohler, Effenberg, Buchwald (Hobsch 80), Gaudino, Bein, Ziege, Moller, Riedle (Kirsten 66).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Sep 24 = Seoul — friendly
SOUTH KOREA 1 (Suh Jung-won 35)
AUSTRALIA 1 (Mori 86)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Sep 25 = Lagos — WC African gp A
NIGERIA 4 (Oliha 20, Amokochi 24, Yekini 57, 79)
IVORY COAST 1 (Tiehi 50)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 65,000

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Sep 26 = Lusaka — WC African gp B
ZAMBIA 4 (Mbasela 11, Litana 55, Malitoli 71, Kalusha Bwalya 85)
SENEGAL 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000.

Sep 26 = Harare — WC African gp C
ZIMBABWE 1 (Sawu 3)
GUINEA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000.

Colombia skipper Carlos Valderrama, pictured here against Uruguay at the Copa America, has led his side to the World Cup finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

CONMEBOL CUP

First round — 1st leg

Aug 12: Emelec (Ecu) 1 Sipesa (Peru) 0; Danubio (Uru) 0 San Lorenzo (Arg) 0; Botafogo (Bra) 3 Bragantino (Bra) 1; Atletico Mineiro (Bra) 2 Fluminense (Bra) 0.
Aug 4: Tachira (Ven) 0 Caracas FC (Ven) 1.

First round — 2nd leg

Aug 12-24: Deportivo Espanol (Arg) 1 Sportivo Luqueno (Par) 2 *(Luqueno won 3-2 on agg);* San Lorenzo (Arg) 2 Danubio (Uru) 0 *(San Lorenzo won 2-0 on agg);* Sipesa (Peru) 3 Emelec (Ecu) 2 *(agg: 3-3, Sipesa won 4-3 on pens);* Fluminense (Bra) 2 Atletico Mineiro (Bra) 0 *(agg: 2-2, Mineiro won 4-2 on pens);* Huracan (Arg) 1 Penarol (Uru) 1 *(Penarol won 2-1 on agg);* Bragantino (Bra) 2 Botafogo (Bra) 3 *(Botafogo won 6-3 on agg).*

Second round —1st leg

Aug 22-29: Penarol (Uru) 2 Colo Colo (Chi) 0; Caracas FC (Ven) 0 Botafogo (Bra) 1; Sipesa (Peru) 1 Atletico Mineiro (Bra) 1; Sportivo Luqueno (Par) 3 San Lorenzo (Arg) 0.

Second round — 2nd leg

Sep 1-5: Botafogo (Bra) 3 Caracas FC (Ven) 0 *(Botafogo won 4-0 on aggr);* San Lorenzo (Arg) 4 Sp. Luqueno (Par) 1 *(agg: 4-4, San Lorenzo won 4-3 on pens);* Colo Colo (Chi) 2 Penarol (Uru) 0 *(agg: 2-2, Penarol won 4-2 on pens);* Atletico Mineiro (Bra) 1 Sipesa (Peru) *(Mineiro won 2-1 on agg).*

CONCACAF CHAMPION CLUBS TROPHY

(North, Central American & Caribbean Confederation)

Third round — 1st leg

Aug 21: Comunicaciones (Guat) 2 Alajuelepse (CR) 1.
Aug 28: Saprissa (CR) 1 Puebla (Mex) 1.

Third round — 2nd leg

Aug 29: Alajuelense (CR) 4 Comunicaciones (Guat) 0 *(Alajuelense won 5-2 on agg).*
Sep 1: Puebla (Mex) 0 Saprissa (CR) 0 *(agg: 1-1, Saprissa won on pens).*

CONCACAF U-20 CHAMPIONSHIP

(in San Juan, Puerto Rico)

1: Colombia; 2: Costa Rica.
(US & Puerto Rico also participated.)

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS

Aug 7: Atlante (Mex) 3 Aurora (Guat) 2; Herediano (CRi) 2 Alianza (ES) 1.
Aug 21: Universidad Catolica (Chi) 2 Real Madrid (Spa) 2.
Aug 22: Guadaljara (Mex) 4 San Lorenzo (Arg) 3; Colo Colo (Chi) 2 Real Madrid (Spa) 0.
Aug 25: Nacional (Uru) 2 Real Madrid (Spa) 2; Olimpia (Par) 3 Deportivo Mandiyu (Arg) 1.

KEVIN'S kiss

JOHN MOYNIHAN, author of that delightful compendium, *The Soccer Syndrome*, has turned his attentions to Kevin Keegan, with a biography of that name. (Collins Willow, £14.99.)

Keegan is an interesting study. In the first place, his fine playing career, in which he became no less than European Footballer of the Year twice, was a tribute to mind over matter, to his tremendous application, over modest natural talents.

All the more credit to him for becoming such a dynamic and influential player. It was sad, though that his international career should end in such anticlimax.

Moynihan deals very amply with this episode in Spain. How Keegan, suffering from back problems, was sneaked out to Hamburg to see his own specialist.

How the news murkily leaked out. How Howe — if I may put it thus — was originally blamed, or credited, for excluding Keegan from the initial formation in the last decisive game against Spain at the Bernabeu (note the spelling, John!)

How Howe told John that Ron Greenwood was in fact the man who picked the team.

Quite correctly, in my view. The great mistake he made was to send Keegan on at all, as a substitute; only to miss England's best chance of the game with a header (below) which the old Keegan could have put away in his sleep.

A contradictory character, Keegan. I still remember the implicit ironies of the documentary in which he flew to Germany to promote a boots deal. And talked of how he never, never could vote Conservative, for the sake of his dear old Dad, who always turned the front room over to the local Labour Party, at General Elections.

I did wonder what his dear old dad would have said when Kevin, with Emlyn Hughes, was photographed kissing Margaret Thatcher chastely on the cheek after a reception, outside 10 Downing Street.

Don't make mine a double

FIFA's fatuous ruling that players guilty of giving away a penalty kick, which in the opinion of the referee would have prevented a goal, should be sent off, is more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

Time after time, in game after game, in Britain, Italy, France and elsewhere, you see such spot kicks being given while the offender remains on the field. It's perfectly clear that the need to send off a player already punished sticks in the craw of referees.

And the fact they are so seldom reprimanded by their leagues or associations shows that their reluctance is shared.

Don't please, call it a Double Whammy. I am tired of seeing that phrase misused by "with it" politicians and the like. Especially as I had the mixed pleasure of meeting Evil Eye Finkel, the man who invented the phrase.

Finkel was a fat New Yorker who hung around the fringes of the boxing world, alleging he could put a hex on any boxer; what he called a Whammy. You paid him for it, if you were so inclined. You paid him even more for what he called his Double Whammy; a jinx to the power of two.

But that's what it means, and I'm sorry it's slid into the language as something else, entirely.

Speaking of smarty-pants writers, too many of them are now intruding into football matters, and getting things spectacularly wrong. There was the gentleman, no sports writer, in the *Guardian Magazine* who tried to show off his deep knowledge of the game by criticising Alf Ramsey's error in the 1970 World Cup quarter-final in Leon, against West Germany.

With England winning 2-0, he wrote, Ramsey took off Bobby Charlton, and the Germans went on to win 3-2. But Charlton went off when Franz Beckenbauer, marking him, had scored; so in fact it was 2-1. But to be fair, that's a common mistake.

Then there was another smarty-pants who, in a television preview, of all things, had a sneer at David Platt, implying he had failed at Juventus, before joining Sampdoria.

But the reason Platt never got to play regularly was that Juve unexpectedly found themselves with Andy Moller, meaning that Platt, the fourth foreigner, even when he did get picked, was never allowed to occupy his true position in advanced midfield.

Nevertheless he got a vital goal to take Juve through a hard match in Greece, and was seen as a model, never complaining, professional.

Gerard Gilbert, whoever you are, remember do that a little learning is a dangerous thing.

BRIAN GLANVILLE'S
LAST WORD

One fix Tapie can't escape

UEFA and FIFA eventually got their way. Marseille and Bernard Tapie were bullied and bulldozed out of the Champions Cup and stripped of the French title. I have no sympathy for either of them, but the implications of the case are worrying.

What if France already had been eliminated from the present World Cup, and were not slated to put on the next one?

What if, regardless of this and of the pressures of the French Federation, Tapie (above right) had just gone ahead with his action in the Swiss courts?

UEFA and FIFA insisted that such an action was illegal, under their rules, which indeed it is. But such provisions have never yet been tested to the full. Nor I imagine will they be until sooner or later, a case goes all the way to the European Court, with all the resultant delays and embarrassments.

My view is that the regulations of the two international bodies could well be ruled *ultra vires* — beyond their rights to impose and implement. FIFA and UEFA would doubtless reply that all their members had implicitly or explicitly agreed to obey such a ruling.

There have been cases where courts have refused to rule on sporting matters on just such grounds. It could have happened again, in Bern, who now can say or know?

The whole matter was peculiarly snarled — to some extent, in the interests of the dilatory French football bodies — because the Marseille-Valenciennes case had gone to criminal justice as well as football's. And the criminal courts were taking a very long time about handing down a decision.

I am perfectly happy to see Marseille kicked out. Not because of the attempted, or let's be careful and say the allegedly attempted, bribe to Valenciennes. Tapie may, who knows, even be right when he insists he was framed, guv; that all that business of buried cash in the back garden and Eydelie's testimony was something trumped up by his political opponents to ruin him.

As the Houdini of French politics and football he has slid out of a plethora of tight situations, in politics and sport, so we may have to give him the benefit of the doubt.

But I thought the Marseille v CSKA 6-0 game emitted a rank odour. And even Jean-Pierre Papin, who played for Club Brugge before he left for Marseille, has come out publicly to cast doubts and slurs on his old French club's European success against his old Belgian team.

There are many ironies, of course. Principally that Marseille go out of the Champions Cup for supposedly fixing a League match which didn't really matter. Rough justice, you might well say.

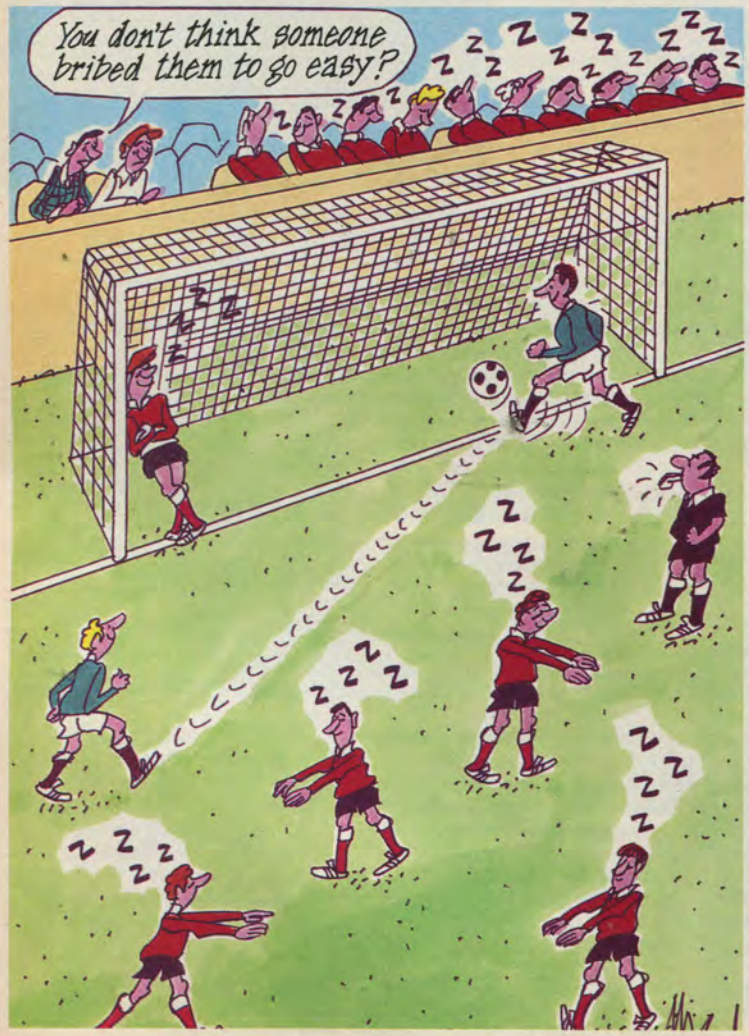
Secondly, that they are unlucky enough to find UEFA in an altogether more combative and punitive mood than they were 20 or 30 years ago, when the big Italian clubs were bribing or trying to bribe referees rotten.

In 1980, a host of well known Italian footballers were to go on trial for match fixing. Paolo Rossi, later a World Cup hero, among them.

I was in Rome at the time, duly went to the pulsating ant heap of the main court house to get my Press pass for the trial, made my way down to the sports hall by the Tiber, and felt like Burt Lancaster in *The Swimmer*.

In that film, that the protagonist, having "swum" his way through a variety of pools, arrives at his own house, to find the gates locked against him. All the doors on the court house were locked.

Suddenly fixing soccer matches had been found NOT to be an offence in Italian law! Oh, boy! Only in Italy.



What's in a word?

THE word "Soccer," has been criticised of late, here and there, as an Americanism. Of course it is nothing of the sort.

It is of ancient provenance. The story goes that Charles Wreford-Brown, an Old Carthusian, an Oxonian, a Corinthian and later a well known, if somewhat conservative administrator, was sitting in his rooms at Oxford when a friend came in and asked: "Are you playing Rugger today, Charles?"

"No," replied Wreford-Brown, quick as a flash. "I'm playing soccer!" — this being a corruption of "Association" as in Association Football.

Typically Carthusian, as I can testify, having attended the place. The tendency was to put an er on words, indiscriminately: "Sergeant Major" becoming "Sagger Magger."

But to accuse the Americans of inventing the word, in contrast to their own gridiron Football, is nonsense. As our title, *WORLD SOCCER*, will tell you.

A to Z OF THE WORLD'S GREAT GROUNDS

By SIMON INGLIS, author of The Football Grounds of Great Britain and The Football Grounds of Europe

CASABLANCA

Name: Mohammed V Stadium.
Capacity: 70,000.

● One of two relatively modern Moroccan stadia which formed the basis of the country's unsuccessful bid for the 1994 and 1998 World Cups. Standard issue post-war Mediterranean design: open, single-tiered concrete bowl with running track and cantilevered roof over main stand. Shares international games with Rabat and is home to Raja Casablanca (RCA), rivals to Wyad of Casablanca (WAC). Once witnessed embarrassing scene when, during opening ceremony of African Nations Cup in March 1988 a parachutist got stuck for 20 minutes in a floodlight pylon, watched by FIFA top brass. The quality of the tournament more than compensated, however, and Morocco felt hard done by to lose out in the bid for 1998.

World Soccer rating: 6 (out of 10)

CARDIFF

Name: Officially the National Stadium, but popularly known as Cardiff Arms Park (which is actually the smaller but well-appointed rugby ground behind the main stadium, named after a pub formerly on the site).
Capacity: 42,869 seats, with 9,019 standing for rugby only.
Opened: For rugby, 1884 (Wales v Ireland) but for football 16 March 1896 (Wales v England), which makes this the world's oldest internationai football venue still in use.
Location: On the banks of the River Taff, so deep in the heart of the city that one end of the stadium, the East Terrace, cannot be covered because that would restrict light to adjacent buildings.

● The Mecca of Welsh Rugby and now on UEFA's list of approved stadia for major finals. Soccer was strictly taboo for 80 years until FIFA's all-seater rule for World Cup matches forced the Welsh FA to abandon the three club venues traditionally used (Cardiff City, Wrexham and Swansea) and rent the National Stadium instead. Some sacrifice! The stadium's three-sided cantilevered stands, completed in the mid 80s at a cost of £10 million, have proved an inspiration to Welsh players. Since the opening match against West Germany in May 1989, the record so far reads: played 8, won 7, drawn 1. Certainly good enough to have prompted the Welsh FA to pay for the stadium's new floodlights and move their offices from Wrexham to within hailing distance of the Arms Park. With Ireland happily ensconced at rugby's Lansdowne Road, Dublin, and the French soccer and rugby teams amicably sharing the Parc des Princes, it makes one wonder how Scotland might fare if they used the magnificent Murrayfield — home of Scottish rugby — for football.

World Soccer rating: 8 (out of 10)

CHICAGO

Name: Soldier Field
Capacity: 66,814 all-seated.
Opened: October 9, 1924 and dedicated to heroes of World War One a year later.
Location: On the shores of Lake Michigan, a few blocks south of downtown area. An ideal spot to discover why they call Chicago the "Windy City".

● Scheduled to stage the 1994 World Cup opening ceremony and Germany's first round matches. Soldier Field has staged many soccer games (Chicago Sting, national team, Marlboro Cup). Characterised by its monumental exterior and a classical colonnade lining each side (although executive boxes now rather spoil the effect) the stadium was originally a massive U-shaped arena in the Ancient Greek tradition, hopeless for watching football but great for mass public displays (eg 260,000 at a religious gathering in 1954). Since the Chicago Bears made it their home in 1971 the open north end has been blocked off by a new stand to create better sightlines and a more intimate enclosure. In 1988, against the US trend, the artificial turf was replaced by the real stuff. Soldier Field therefore requires few alterations for the World Cup. Visitors note: don't fail to visit Chicago's two superb baseball parks, Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park.

World Soccer rating: 7 (out of 10)

COLOGNE (1.FC Köln)

Name: Müngersdorfer Stadion.
Capacity: 60,000 (28,000 seats).
Opened: 1923, remodelled 1973-75, just too late for 1974 World Cup.
Location: In the midst of a massive 500 hectare sports complex in the suburb of Müngersdorf.

● Centrepiece of Germany's largest sports and training complex. The stadium looked pretty smart when reconstructed in 1975 at a cost of £15 million. This involved adding an extra tier of seats above the original banking and an all-round cantilevered roof (the first in West Germany). Trouble is, in common with several West German stadia remodelled in the 70s, the lower terraces — which are anyway some distance from the touchlines owing to an extra-wide athletics track — are too low and shallow for decent conversion to seating. Hence the current 60,000 capacity may fall to as low as 35,000 when all-seated; sufficient for Köln's last season average of 29,000, but not enough for big games or internationals. Not that this matters at present — the city council, which owns the stadium, can't afford the £2 million conversion costs anyway.

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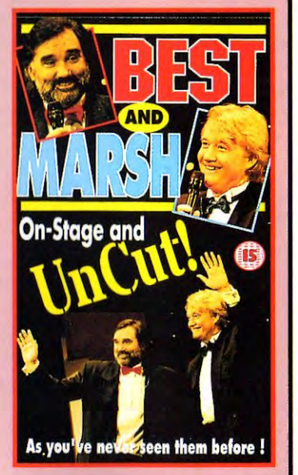

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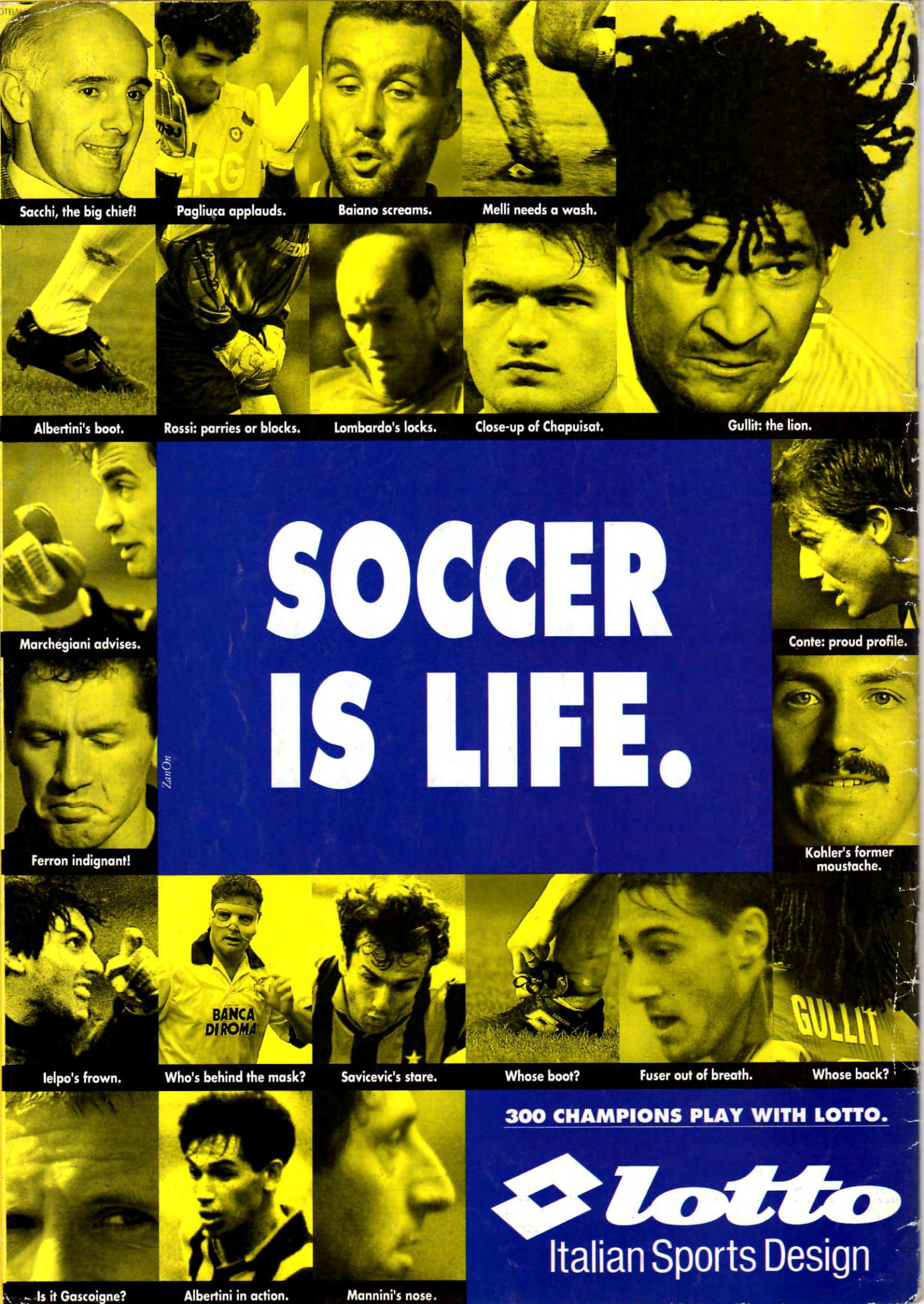
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Pagliuca applauds.
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